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* EGYPT	7212	G. L. Langhorne	6th June
M. I. INDIA	7911	F. W. Vibert	13th "
* ARABIA	7903	T. Leigh	20th "
M. I. EGYPT	7919	G. L. Langhorne	27th "
* PERSIA	7920	W. A. Wilder	4th July
M. I. ARABIA	7903	T. Leigh	11th "
* CALEDONIA	7532	E. H. Gordon	18th "
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of HAJEE MAHOMED CASSUM, late of Bombay Cutchee Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, Merchant and Landowner, deceased.

(1) HAJEE SULLEMAN ABDUL WAHED, of Bombay Cutchee Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Bellasis Road, Bycalla, outside the Fort.
(2) HAJEE IBRAHIM HAJEE HAROON, also of Bombay Cutchee Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Gavli Mohollo, outside the Fort.
(3) SHEDICK HAJEE HOOSEIN of Bombay Cutchee Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Chinch Mohollo, outside the Fort.
(4) RUSTOMJEE DOSABHOY ESETNA, of Bombay Parsee Inhabitant residing at Bellasis Road, Bycalla, and
(5) HAJEE HAROON HAJEE TYEB, also of Bombay Cutchee Memon Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Chinch Moholla aforesaid, the Executors named in the 1st Will and Testament of the said deceased ..... Petitioners.

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Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Three and in the Third year of our Reign.

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21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
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24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
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26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15	57 13	43 10	36 11	65 13	49 4	40 0	31
32	28 11	58 14	44 7	37 6	66 0	49 8	40 6	32
33	29 8	59 15	45 4	38 2	66 4	49 13	40 12	33
34	30 6	61 1	46 2	38 15	66 8	50 2	41 3	34
35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35
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LONDON, MAY 28.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	291 13/16	=	unchanged
3 per cent. Rentes	98	=	do
2½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£103	=	do
2½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£ 65 3/4	=	do

SILVER—

Spot in London	14 7/16	=	— 3/16
2 months hence	24 3/16	=	+ 1 8
Spot in New York	53	=	— 1/2

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·8	=	unchanged
Berlin "	20/46	=	do
New York Demand	4·28 1/4	=	+ 1/8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	3 1 2 pr ct	=	unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3 8 pr ct	=	do
6 " "	3 3 8 pr ct	=	do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 1/2 pr ct	=	do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 5/8 pr ct	=	do

LIVE MEET—

Day to day loans	3 3/4 pr ct	=	+ 1/2
7 day meet loans	3 3/8 pr ct	=	+ 1 8

Extra Council Bills allotments on Bombay Rs. 3,00,000 at 1s. 4 1.

Sugar.—German granulated 1st Marks 9 3-4 May-June. Dull.

Metals:—Copper Braziers £70.
Yellow metal 6s. 1-4 1.
Tin Plates 12s. 3d.
Bar Iron Belgian £5-3-0.
Iron Corrugated Sheets £11 2s. 6d
Basic Steel Bars £5-5s.

Rubber.—Para Rubber 3s. 10 1-2d.
Wheat—Club No. 1 30 1-4 May-June Sellers.
Rapeseed.—Yellow Guzerat 35 1-4 May-June. Sellers

Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpors 354 3-4. June-July. Sellers.

Rapeseed.—Brown 33 May-June Sellers. Tone flat.

In Liverpool—
Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 5,000. Spot 6·40—2. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 17,000. Arrivals closed quiet.

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
5·20	5·20	5·6	5·01	5·01
—2	—2	—3	—2	2
May-June.	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**	**Aug.-Sept.**	
6·12	6·08	6·01	5·91	
+3	+3	—3	—4	

In New York.—
Receipts at the Port ..... 5,000 bales,
Do. last year ..... 4,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ..... 1,000 "
Do. do. Continent ..... 1,000 "
Mid-Uplands ..... 11·70 unchanged
Futures, month of July ..... 11·23 — 6
Do. do. December ..... 9·10 — 12

In New Orleans—
Spot ..... 11 11/16 unchanged
Futures, month of August ..... 11·88 — 10
Do. do. November ..... 9·27 — 11
Tone at close ..... Steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Thursday, 28th May, 1903 :—

Cotton	7,813 bales.
Wheat	32,218 cwts,
Linseed	11,855 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	24,451 "
Gingellyseed	2,184 "
Poppyseed	5,193 "
Groundnuts	233 "
Castorseed	2,175 "
Rice	65,672 "
Myrabolams	3,476 "
Cottonseed	10,572 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, MAY 29.

Since the departure of the last mail the fluctuation in the American and Liverpool Markets have not been so violent, and whilst there has been a drop in spot values there has been a steady rise in Futures for July and December in the former markets and all round in Liverpool arrivals. This has given a healthier tone to business, and the position appears to be improving as speculation diminishes. The action of the Manchester spinners in closing the mills for the whole of next week (Whit week) does not appear to have affected the market though there is a slight fall in prices in America this morning. There has been a small improvement in the enquiry from the Continent, but it has run principally on high grade Oomras, the stock of which is getting scarcer day by day. The local Market has been steady during the week, and the enquiry from exporters to Europe has been on a moderate scale. Japan has been buying to a small extent, and the local mills are steady purchasers. The stock continues large, the offtake not being sufficient to reduce it. Arrivals continue at the rate of 8,000 bales a day. The Indian season for the week has been much interfered with by the cyclone which passed over Bombay. Buyers are chary of sampling lots which have been in the open, and difficulties have arisen regarding allowances for excess weight, owing to damp, on Cotton which had been purchased prior to the rain, but not weighted over. The damage has not been anything like so great as was anticipated, and the bright weather of the past few days has had a wonderful effect. The monsoon seems now to be as far off as ever as Colombo reports fine weather, and there is little or no rain on the Malabar Coast.

The "Satta" market for New Crop has been fairly steady during the week, with little business passing. The rates quoted are Rs. 174 for Fully Good Bengal, 15th January, 1904, delivery, and Rs. 224 for Good Broach, 25th March, 1904, delivery.

SEEDS.—The late storm has done considerable damage to goods lying in the open, the heavy rain being wholly unexpected and unprovided for.

LINSEED.—The market has been quiet during the week, and prices have given way about 2 annas per cwt. Only a moderate business has been done. The closing rate is Rs. 7-3-6.

RAPESEED has been easier, and a small business has passed at declining rates which also close about 2 annas per cwt. lower at the following :—

Brown Cawnpore	Rs. 5 9
Yellow Cawnpore	Rs. 5 14
Yellow Guzerat	Rs. 6 0

POPPYSEED.—This market has shared in the depression in the Seeds Market generally, and prices have given way 2 to 3 annas per cwt, the closing rate being Rs. 6-8.

CASTORSEED has been quiet with little or no business doing, and the rate has been practically unaltered at Rs. 21-8.

WHEAT.—The market is quiet and rates are lower all round. A small business has been done by the mills, and the closing prices are as under :—

Soft Red Ahmedabad	Rs. 28 8
Club No. 1	" 29 8
Hard Red	" 24 8

FREIGHT.—The cyclonic weather experienced in the early part of the week considerably interfered with shipping, and it was anticipated that difficulty would arise about May shipments. The fine weather of the past two or three days has however allayed any anxiety, and there should be no difficulty now about completing this month's shipments. The business done during the past week has been on a limited scale. Rates for Hull have been booked at 13s 9d ready shipments, and rates for Antwerp at 13s 3d. Speculators booked 13s 9 and 13-5d Dunkirk. The s.s. "Idar" filled up at 10d. For June-July a small business is reported at 13s 6d. Measurement has been done at 15s for Havre and 15s for Hamburg.

EXCHANGE.—With the close of last week 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Demand went off but Bank Telegraphic Transfers at 1s. 4 1-32d. has been procurable on and off with a not limited enquiry Bombay imports just now are exceptionally lack and the enquiry for remittance is limited unless forward delivery which Banks will not give except at lower rates Banks are just as keen as merchants to pick up any good remittances offering for any delivery. Export Bill are scarce, and yet the rate of 1s. 4 1-4d. only dropped in sympathy with lower discount. Council's sold well by 50 lakhs of Bills at 1s. 3 31-32d, and extras at 1s. 4d. No Transferts were given, being too dear comparatively. Calcutta took nothing, so that the repats of specie money there is unfounded. Calcutta has evidently enough for herself and to lend Bombay as well. The whole position of Exchange to-day is one of hand to mouth. No Bank will sell beyond cash except at a smart discount, and there is no more money than is actually wanted room day to day. Exchange may therefore go on its present lines for some weeks yet.

The following changes occurred in the Bank of Bombay statement, compared with the previous week :—

	Rs.
LIABILITIES.	
Public Deposits	2,57,417 Decrease.
Other Deposits	6,49,211 Decrease.
Sundries	49,940 Increase.
ASSETS.	
Government Securities	42,996 Decrease.
Other Authorized Securities	43,123 Decrease.
Credits on Securities	30,483 Increase.
Loans do.	3,01,138 Increase.
Bills discounted & purchased	13,38,315 Decrease.
Balance with other Banks	43,014 Decrease.
Sundries	17,105 Increase.
Cash	4,55,964 Increase.

The Bank of Bengal weekly statement shows a decrease of 14 lakhs in the Cash Balance, the Bank rate remaining unaltered at 6 per cent. per annum. The Bank of Bombay rate is also unaltered at 8 per cent. per annum, the Cash Balance being as above. The weekly statement of the Bank of Madras shows the Cash Balance to be 3 lakhs up, the Bank rate being unchanged at 7 per cent. per annum.

The mail of the 15th May brings £ 60,000 silver and £90,000 gold and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	20,000
Bombay	"	16,50,000
Madras	"	90,000
	Rs.	17,60,000

The mail of the 22nd instant brings £70,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs.	2,70,000
Bombay	"	46,03,000
Madras	"	6,00,000
	Rs.	54,70,000

The mail of the 29th instant, brings £190,000 silver and £80,000 gold, and the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta	Rs.	50,000
Bombay	"	40,90,000
Madras	"	20,41,000
	Rs.	61,81,000

At the weekly allotment on Wednesday last 50 lakhs Bill's were taken up at 1s 3 31-32d., the same rate at which Bills were allotted last week. The minimum rate received 2 per cent. Extra allotments were given on Bombay of 6 lakhs and on Madras of 1 lakh at 1s. 4d. Calcutta took only half a lakh of Bills at the allotment

The amount to be allotted next week remains at 50 lakhs.

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5 per cent " "	Tansa	110
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	115
4 per cent Bo. Improvt Trust	1959	100 1-2
3 per cent " "	1964	101-8

Prices of Bullion :—

English Bar Silver, ex duty, ready	Rs.	62-14 0
Do. do. 1st Settlement	Rs.	62-8-0
Do. do. 2nd do.	Rs.	61-10-0
English Bar Gold, ready	Rs.	24-3-0

The Silver market is week and there is no business doing.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—In the absence of speculators the Rupee Paper market has ruled quiet during the week, and only a very moderate business has been done. The closing rates are :—

Ready	Rs.	98-10
1st Settlement	"	98-10
2nd Do.	"	98-13 4

METALS.—In Copper and Yellow Metal hardly any business has been done during the week. There has been a heavy decline in the Home markets, and locally the demand is very poor. In Iron and Steel the market has been very quiet with only a small business passing. Spelter is steady, but a decline may shortly be looked for. Quicksilver and Pig lead are quiet and unaltered.

The Yarn market during the past week has been quiet. Mills still quote the same prices, but locally between speculators some lots have changed hands at a reduction of 1-16 to 1-8 per lb. The position is healthy, and the slightest demand would cause full rates to be paid. Silver, however, is a disturbing element this week. Exchange from Shanghai is quoted Rs. 6 lower.

PIECE GOODS.—The market has been steady during the week without any change in prices. The up country demand for Grays and Whites is rather slack, but there is a moderate demand for Prints, Dyed Goods, Fancies, and Dhooties. No business is possible owing to the high rates ruling in Manchester.

COALS.—Market quiet. Arrivals recently have been very heavy and there has been a considerable rise in the hire of lighters and of coaly labour on bunders. A sale is reported of Dattons Welsh Hartly coal at Rs. 11-8.

SHARES.—The market is almost unchanged since our last report. Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands at Rs 1,292 1-2 and they do not quote at the rate. Commercials are quiet and unchanged at Rs 52. In mill shares Centrals and Swadeshis are unchanged at Rs 1,055 and Rs. 765 respectively Currimbhais at Rs 540 Davids Rs 235 X D, Colaba Land Mill share at Rs 390 Chinas at Rs 500, Coorla Mill shares at Rs 515. Bombay Cotton Mill shares have improved to Rs. 410. Hindustan Mill shares are steady at Rs. 360 Indian Manufacturing shares unchanged at Rs. 310, Western India at Rs 285. George Leopolds have changed hands at Rs 104. Kohinoors are unchanged at Rs 225 X D Manekji Petits have ruled at and about Rs 2,010 X D, Morarjees and Sholapurs are unchanged at Rs 1,525 and 1,710 X D respectively, Jamshed Mill Shares have changed hands at Rs 80, Sassoon Cotton Mill shares have remained quiet at about Rs 620 and Sassoon Silk shares at Rs 465. In Press shares Mofussils are unchanged at Rs 525, New Barsis at Rs 565, New Indians at Rs 165, Hongkongs at Rs 165 Harvey and Sobjpathy shares have changed hands at Rs 645. Munn and Press shares have improved to Rs 242 1-2. Miscellaneous list Alcocks are steady at Rs 162, cum-dividend. Badam Pals have improved to Rs 164, Bombay Burmah to Rs 6,500, quarter shares are steady at Rs 1,650, Bombay Ice shares at Rs 63, Oriental Life at Rs 136, Port Cunnings at Rs 442-8, Bombay Telephones at Rs 24. Treschers have declined to Rs 605, Kemps are steady at Rs 246, Indian Railway Companies Taptis are unchanged at Rs 422 8 and Ahmedabad Prantij at Rs 555. The rest of the Companies are unchanged and quiet at previous quotations with little or no business reported.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	1s. 4d.
Bank Demand	1s. 4 1-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight	D. A. 1s. 4 7-32d.
Do 6 do do	1s 4 11-32d.
French Francs 3 do do	170 1-4
Marks 3 do do	138 1-2
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	122 1-2
Shanghai 30 do do	171 1-2
Japan 30 do do	151 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone steady.

Cash	Rs.	98-10
1st Settlement	Rs.	98-10
2nd do.	Rs.	98-13

Money Market—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 21st May	3	1-2	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 21st May	8		do.
Bank of Bengal do. 16th May	6		do.
Bank of Madras do. 21st April	7		do.

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	easier.
Estimated sales	5,000
Total Imports	2,000

May.-June	June.-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
6·07	5·93	5·99	5·86
—5	—5	—3	—3
Sept.-Oct.	**Oct.-Nov.**	**Nov.-Dec.**	**Dec.-Jan.**
5·41	5·14	5·02	4·99
—6	—5	—6	—7
	Jan.-Feb.		
	4·98		
	—7		

COTTON.—Tone quiet but steady. A moderate business is doing. A line of Karanja is reported as having been taken by an Export house. Rates are rather easier.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

Growths	Fine	F.-G.	Good	
Bengals H. G. (Ry. terms)	178	163	161	May.
Bengals M.G. (Ry. terms)	187	173	...	do
Sind-Punjab (M. G.)	186	177	...	do
Bani M. G.	195	185	...	do
Khandesh M. G.	...	182	174	do
Akola M. G.	196	187	...	do
Khamgaum do				
Karanja do				
DamangaumPolgaum M.G.	207	197	...	do
Nagpur M. G.	207	197	...	do
Broach do	248	241	...	do
Dhowngaon do	225	217	210	do
Oomras H. G.	221	213	203	do
S.-G. Dharwar	...	...	233	do
Westerns	...	...	213	do
Do.	...	...	212	25th June.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for the week	60,036
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 28th May	2,169,850
Shipments for the week, to Europe	18,657
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	12,608
Total	31,265
Shipments from 1st October to 28th May—	
Europe	1,021,737
Japan	233,010
China	18,116
Coast Ports	9,385
Total	1,027,838
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	24,775
China, Japan and Coast Ports	10,241

Week's Receipts of Cotton, Wheat and Seed.

Cotton	60,036 bales
Wheat	32,698 cwts
Linseed	145 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard Seed	25,095 "
Gingellyseed	35,963 "
Poppyseed	53,722 "
Groundnuts	1,123 "
Castorseed	22,467 "
Rice	39,416 "
Myrabolams	23,521 "
Cottonseed	69,904 "

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 23.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2¾ per cent. Consols	91 13 16	
3 per cent Rentes	98	
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	103	
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	95 3-4	
Bar Silver	24 7-47	

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—Total Bullion £38,800,000, increase 200,200; Public deposits £8,600,000, increase £100,000; Other deposits £40,300,000, Other Securities £32,000,000 decrease £300,000; Notes and Gold £24,800,000, decrease £400,000; The Bank's Reserve is 51 per cent. of the Liabilities.

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EUROPE.

BIRTH.

ANDERSON—May 5, at Bordighera, wife of J. C. Anderson barrister-at-law, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BLAKENEY—ELLIS—May 6, Capt. R. B. D. Blakeney, R. E. to Frances Dorothy, daughter of the late Major N. Ellis, Royal Munster Fusiliers.

FARQUHAR—STANIER—April 16, at the private chapel, Pepper, Shropshire, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Shrewsbury, assisted by the Rev. C. Chinner, Charles Gordon Darroch Farquhar, Punjab Police, son of Admiral Sir Arthur Farquhar, K. C. B., of Drummagesk, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, to Leila Dorothy Stanier, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Francis Stanier, of Peplow Hall, and of Mrs. Stanier, of Craigarach, Aboyne.

LUCKOCK—SECKHAM—May 7, at the Cathedral, Lichfield, R. M. Luckock, 2nd batt. the King's Own Regt., to Mabel Thorne, daughter of the late S. Lipscomb Seckham, D. L.

OAKLEY—SAVILL—May 7, at St. Stephen's, South Kensington, J. G. Oakley and Lilian, daughter of E. Savill, of Eastern Terrace, Brighton.

DEATHS.

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BARCLAY—May 9, at Amberley, Glos, W. M. Barclay, F. R. C. S., son of the late Surg.-Gen. C. Barclay, Madras Army.

MOUNT—May 9, at Burnham Vicarage, Arundel, F. J. Mount, vicar of the parish, and late Archdeacon of Chichester, aged 71.

WESTLAND—May 9, at Weybridge, Sir J. Westland, K. C. S. I. aged 63.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

OGILVIE—May 22, at Bolarum, Deccan, Kevin Hastings Calton, the dearly loved son of Hastings and Maud Ogilvie, aged 7 years, 5 months and 7 days.

WITTS—May 25, at Madras, of chronic bronchitis, Amelia Witts, widow of the late Augustus Witts, aged 47 years and 7 months.

WYNDOWE—May 3, very suddenly, from heart failure, Thormuthis Mary (Novice Miriam), third child of Samuel Jardine Wyndowe, M. D., Dep. Surgeon-General, Madras Medical Service (Retired), and Emily, his wife, aged 32.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises 5h. 22m. Sun sets 6h. 32m. High water 9·32m., 2·47s. Low water 7·41m. 8·10s. Aga Khan Hockey Tournament, Final.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 5h. 22m. Sun sets, 6h. 32m. High water, 2·18m., 3·8s. Low water, 8·5m., 9·22s.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Itria and Bahadurí entered and the steamer Pravan left the dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Egypt entered and the steamer Peninsular left the dock yesterday.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China, Japan, and Australia per s.s. Ballarat will be closed at the General Post Office at 11 noon on Wednesday the 3rd proximo.

ACCIDENT ON A STEAMER.—Yesterday morning Gaibo Narco, a coal labourer working on board the steamship Huzara, was looking down No. 2 hatch when he lost his balance and fell into the hold, a distance of twenty feet, sustaining internal injuries. He was removed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital for treatment.

ASSAULT AT A SUPPER.—On Wednesday evening Autone Guiguet, Oilier Jean, and other firemen on board the steamship Vasconia, now lying in the Victoria Dock, were having their supper on the forecastle head. Guiguet, who is a Frenchman, was drinking his share of claret out of a can, when Jean, also a Frenchman, asked him to stop drinking and pass the can over to him. Guiguet appears to have thought Jean was the latter row and struck his knife and stabbed him on the left thigh, causing an incised wound. Jean then left the steamer and has not since been seen. Guiguet was treated by Dr. Munday, and is reported to be doing well. A search is being made for Jean.

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Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Carthage	2393	Jephson			P & O Co
Rance	3614	Corran			T M & Co
Landaura	2157	Butler			M M & Co
Simla	1039	Souter			E Tejbhoy
Dentschland bq	785	Nacota			The Captain
Barramatta	2861	Roberts			P & O Co
Eden (ship)	441	Dahl			The Captain
Ellora	1491	Forbes			M S C
Grantley Hall	2565	Mann			E L & Co
Colaba	1158	Graham			M M & Co
Chindwara	1501	Macleau			M M & Co
Kt of St George	2966	Hicks			T M & Co
Kapurthala	721	Trouson			M M & Co
Zillah	3779	Rees			T M & Co
Bengali	3619	Bannatyne			M M & Co
Spithead	993	Stewart		W & A G & Co	
Shirala	3353	Hartley			M M & Co
Shahnoor	2194	Rafflin			M Tejbhoy
Haidari	1562	Hill	Calcutta	B & P S N Co	
Onda	241	Lowe	Calcutta		M M & Co
Batavia B	1171	Berryman		W & A G & Co	
H Bolckow	639	Fowls		B & P S N Co	
Nadir	3041	Morgan	Calcutta		T M & Co
Dewell	2446	Frame		W & A G & Co	
Kt Michelor	4050	Pain			K N & Co
Hugin	829	Anderson			Bombay Co
Ulla	3126	Stone			M Tejbhoy
Imaum	2703	Penberthy			K N & Co
Renley	2431	Parker			Bombay Co
Mozaffari	1382	Molony		P & O S N Co	
Dott	630	Gypmre			Bombay Co
Alboin	748	Curtis			R S & Co
Iris	832	Tice			M M & Co
Wennington Hall	1913	Diver			Cary Bros
Secundor	1073	Brotner			H S Sidick
Culna	1474	Kirkham			M M & Co
Nubia	2319	Knox			W & A G & Co
Longships	2843				W & A G & Co
Kola	491	Richard			M M & Co
Arroyo	23 7	Flough			H Yule & Co
Coromandel	2 63	Fox	China		P & O Co
Egypt	4174	Lawrence			P & O Co
King Arthur	1017	Bunel			B & P S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Valetta	1937	McMorran	Hamburg	30-5	F M & Co
C	Johannesberger	1847	Schmidt	Karachi	5-6	Glade & Co
D	Akbar	1440	Baldwin	Mauritius	29-5	H C Joosub
F	Simoon	2572	Collins	Amsterdam	3-6	P & O Co
G	Gulf of Trinidad	1605	Hughes	R S Ports	30-5	B & P S N Co
H	Afghan	1439	Dexter	False Point	30-5	H C Joosub
K	Nerbudda	1961	Melbourne	Zanzibar	26	M M & Co
N	Mars	2197	Curtis	Genoa	8-6	W & A G & Co
O	Fulham	1277	Ross	Venice	4-6	W & A G & Co
P	Bombay	2	Hayman	Hartlepool	31	M M & Co
Q	Arabistan	1921	Bilault	Karachi	30-5	E L & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Mahanadi.....647 Hoosein...Karachi ....30-5 Shepd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Idar	2995	Milne	Dunkirk	30-5	K N & Co
2	Ballaarat	2999	Summer	China	3-6	P & O S N Co
3	Clodmoor	2408	Dyason	Dieppe	30-5	Ralli Bros
4	Hamra	3363	Skinner	Antwerp	4-6	M M & Co
5	Pekin	2523	Langden	China	1-6	P & O S N Co
6	Mazagon	3789	Hall	Japan	1-6	P & O Co
7	Vasconia	1891	Blanc	Marseilles	3-5	W & A G & Co
8	Imperator	2321	Ivellich	Trieste	1-6	A L S N Co
9	Eden Hall	3332	Haddy	Liverpool	13-6	K N & Co
10&11	Kt of the Garter	4235	Billett	Antwerp	1-6	K N & Co
12	Peninsular	2329	Cubitt	London	30-5	P & O S N Co
14	Ruzars	1330	Bamber	P Guif	2-6	M M & Co
15	Glen Ross	1953	Hickson	Madras	1-6	P M & Co
16	Clan Maclean	1486	Fisher	Liverpool	6-6	F M & Co

MERSEWEATHER DRY DOCK.

Sofala .....2130 Alexander....Aden....1-6 M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
29	Egypt s	Langborne	London, May 8
	King Arthur s	Bunel	Jeddah, May 15

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
29	Provan s	Vasey	Hull
	Dwarka s	Rothwell	Karachi

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Idar, Milne, for Dunkirk.
" Clodmoor, Dyason, for Dieppe and Amsterdam.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Eden Hall, for Liverpool, &c.
" Imaum, for Marseilles and Liverpool.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Strada left Portsaid afternoon of 25th.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Campbell left Suez in trains of 28th.

The P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. China arrived Plymouth morning of 28th.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Ogilvy arrived Suez from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta afternoon of 28th.

The Messageri s Maritimes Co.'s s.s. Tonkin which left Bombay on Sunday the 10th instant, at 7 p. m. arrived at Marseilles on Monday the 25th instant, at 4 p. m.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 29.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Nubia s—19 bales goat hair R Kooka; 65 cwt tallow A M Roysee.

Clan Maclean s—39 bales wool and 85 bales goat hair M J Joonabhoy and Co; 225 bales skins Cassum Joosab; 231 cwt gum Hirjee Virdhore; 231 cwt gum Padumsee Jethabhoy; 61 bales wool rorbes Forbes and Co; 35 bales wool W and A Graham and Co; 49 bales wool David Sassoon and Co; 1275 cwt myrabolams Waghjee Beebur; 570 cwt myrabolams Edjee Oomrazy.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Itaura s—200 cwt rapeseed Bilick & Nixon and Co; 4003 cwt poppyseed and 121 cwt linseed Volkart Brothers; 1030 cwt wheat Waghjee Beebur; 229 bales cotton Prior de Sanoe and Co.

Idar s—1017 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR ANTWERP.

Itaura s—300 bales hemp Purshotum Bhimjee; 330 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 100 cwt gum J Narbheram.

Kt of the Garter s—1610 bales cotton, 1203 cwt rapeseed and 12000 cwt castorseed Ralli Brothers; 1001 bags rice Nansee Khairaz and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Valetta s—123 bales cotton, 2049 cwt rapeseed and 584 cwt poppyseed Forbes Forbes and Co; 721 cwt myrabolams Arjoon Khimjee; 889 cwt rapeseed Ernst and Co.

Spithead s—1000 cwt rapeseed Forbes Forbes and Co.

Johannesberger s—410 bales cotton Glade and Co; 575 bales cotton The Bombay Co; 121 cwt maize and 2000 cwt rapeseed Tata and Co; 886 bales cotton Forbes Forbes and Co; 110 bales cotton A Blashchek and Co; 5 tons blackwood M M Abdoolaly; 2300 cwt linseed Tata and Co; 18 bales cotton Sly J C Toddywalla.

Mars s—140 bales cotton, A Hashchek and Co; 12.00 cwt rapeseed Forbes Forbes and Co; 1200 cwt castorseed, ab 2179 bales cotton and 2000 cwt castorseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR AMSTERDAM.

Simoom s—1000 cwt rapeseed Volkart Brothers.

FOR BREMEN.

Johannesberger s—92 bales cotton Volkart Brothers; 385 bales cotton Forbes Forbes and Co; 100 bales cotton Ritchie Steuart and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Mars s—100 tons old iron and 475 cwt linseed Societa Coloniale Italiana.

FOR VENICE.

Fulham s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Fulham s—33) bales cotton The Bombay Co; 33) bales cotton Glade and Co.

Imperator s—180 cwt maize Nansee Khairaz and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Mazagon s—200 bales cotton Ewing and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Mazagon s—615 bales cotton Ewing and Co; 1000 bales cotton D B Lam and Co; 500 bales cotton M M Esabhoy; 200 bales cot on R S N Talati and Co; 100 bales cotton G Dossa and Co.

FOR MOJI.

Pekin s—185 bales cotton The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

FOR HONGKONG.

Pekin s—7 cwt ganda horns Yan Shun and Co.

Mazagon s—200 bales cotton Gladstone & Tojpal and Co.

Balarat s—125 cwt onion A G Machiwala.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Ballarat s—27 chests opium David Sassoon and Co.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 23th May.

There will be practice as usual at the Colaba Range to-day (Saturday) the 30th instant, from 4-30 p.m.

By Order,

T. W. CUFFE, Capt.,

Commanding B. L. H.

SOME months ago Edward Conway, of Leytonstone, was refused a vaccination exemption. He lay low until summoned for non-vaccination at West Ham. He then produced the notice to vaccinate served upon him—which the vaccination officer had omitted to sign. Amid laughter the case was dismissed and the vaccination officer ordered to pay Conway 5s. costs.

THE Hon. Edmund Somerset Butler, heir and only son of Viscount Mountgarret, admits that while his father allowed him £1,500 a year his expenditure for the last three years has averaged from £4,000 to £5,000. He has lost money by horse-racing and gambling, and estimates his liabilities at £7,000. The creditors agreed to an order of bankruptcy.

IN 1832 a picture, entitled: The Holy Family," was lent to the Bristol Young Men's Christian Association, and the owner, a lady (Mrs. Morgan), was willing to accept £10 for it. The offer was not accepted. Mrs. Morgan bequeathed the picture at her death to a Liverpool gentleman, and the head of the Marlborough Picture Gallery has now estimated its value at about £10,000. The picture is by one of Pietro Cortona.

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THE RULES OF ETIQUETTE.

HUMAN manners and customs are always interesting to study, and as they are the outcome of the sentiments of a nation, and are formed to meet its needs, we see through their medium the character of the people. A little book, "The Indian Gentleman's Guide to English Etiquette and Correspondence," has a considerate double aim, to study the customs of Europeans, and to devise rules for friendly social intercourse, without infringing the canons of good taste, between Indians and Englishmen. The handbook is published in Calcutta by C. Ravenshawe, and is probably meant for the Bengal native gentleman, giving him for one rupee and eight annas an immense amount of varied information and generous measure of warnings as to the pitfalls he must avoid in steering his way among European friends. It offers reasons for the amenities it inculcates, and clearly means to advise the adoption of English manners when English clothing and fashions are copied. The sense of courtesy and desire to please are inborn in the Indian gentleman, only trifling matters of etiquette require adjustment in associating with an alien race. This is the sentiment actuating the writer. In his introductory remarks he gives a sketch of the character of the English which may conduce to the better understanding of the rules that smooth the way for pleasant social intercourse with them. "Quiet respectability as opposed to ostentation is what Englishmen of good birth and education regard as proper and gentlemanly, comfort instead of vulgar show is the aim of the polite." This is for those who might be tempted to indulge in undue display with a mistaken desire to please. The following is to the address of those who think politeness a sign of fear:—"The gentlemen of England observe politeness and courtesy not in an overweening fashion, but in a degree sufficient to ensure the convenience and feelings of those with whom they come in contact, and the whole world knows (some people to their cost) whether politeness has rendered Englishmen in any way cowardly or degenerate, or their laws of etiquette in the least impaired their efficiency or sufficiency as masters among mankind." Considering "friendship from the point of English etiquette" which, indeed, would seem to be an indifferent way of studying it, we are told that Englishmen make friends with difficulty. "Friendship requires to be cultivated, and takes time." "Do not seek friendship as some people rush into Freemasonry with the idea that it is a huge one-sided bargain for the benefit of those who seek to join it," is a warning to the interested. And again "to give a person a loan of money, and then ask him as a favour to get your son a job, or yourself an increase of pay or the grant of leave, is entirely outside the bounds of English friendship or etiquette and can be regarded as nothing more nor less than a bargain or a bribe." Indeed the chief advice given in regard to friendship is to avoid presuming on it.

In the matter of cleanliness and dress the writer expresses the admirable belief that "hardly anything more objectionable exists than a down-right dirty fellow, singularly in a country like India with its dust and heat, and where one is subjected to a great deal of perspiration," and then follows the very best possible advice, which must be read in private, about personal decoration or non-decoration, and habits such as, well coughing and panchewing. In dress one must be careful, if native costume be worn, to have it "sufficiently not-transparent, for to show one's bare body or legs through one's clothing is considered by Europeans indecent. Always have the body covered. No English gentleman is ever seen in bare body even in the outer apartments of his own house." A handkerchief is a sine qua non, and you must "invariably wipe your face and hands with your handkerchief." And then follow directions as to what one may and may not do with that Elizabethan invention; the use of the fingers in its place "is low even in a coolie, and should never be indulged in by any one with any pretensions to the habits and manners of a gentleman." Much jewellery is condemned, and it is as well to remember that in conversing "to never look the person you are speaking to is considered indicative of a sly, fox-like character, and such habit should be avoided... In laughter avoid grinning, but at the same time do not be uproarious... Avoid scandal and do not carry tales. A scandal-monger is a sneak and a tale-bearer is worse than a thief... On first introduction to a person do not maintain silence, but venture some commonplace remark. The weather is a very convenient topic... When yawning place your handkerchief or the palm of hand before your open mouth... Do not rail at or speak against any class or profession in the presence of a member of that body. Avoid slang expressions, especially in the presence of ladies, and remember that to swear is neither brave, polite, or wise. Do not ask a person his age, the amount of his salary, where he is employed, &c., &c... Above all keep your temper, especially if engaged in an argument." These are all wise saws if somewhat obvious, and fairly applicable to the etiquette of all nations. There are many errors of speech to be avoided, such as "We are living in a mess," for living in a chummery, as it might be read in a different meaning altogether, and "Plucked B. A," "Failed F. A.," "Entrance plucked" are inaccurate descriptions of a man. The rules for calling and visiting are full of good advice. "On no account place your feet on top of your chair or stretch out your legs as far as they can reach, as such are unbecoming in European society." "If the gentleman visited is known to have a family or the native visitor is acquainted with them, he may inquire as to their health or express a hope that they are keeping well." "Never speak with a cigar in your mouth." During visits of condolence "jokes and light conversation, laughter and mirth, should not be indulged in." In calling on a sick European friend it is as well not to take up the medicine bottles, nor scrutinise the prescriptions, and it is assuredly "neither wise nor charitable to enumerate to a sick person the list of people you may have known or heard of who died of the illness which afflicts him." If others besides our native friends were warned off such cheering details it would diminish the terrors of the sick room. And another considerate suggestion is that it is better to make verbal enquiries at the house of a sick friend than written ones, nurses and attendants having little leisure for inditing replies. The rules for walking are set at naught in our crowded thoroughfares, but here they have a place "Use the footpath in preference to the road. Keep your head up and see where you are going, and do not be bumping or shoving against people." Similarly hints are given for deportment in public places—in Museums, Churches, galleries, the Zoo. At the theatre if you recognise a friend you may nod gracefully, but may not move to speak to him during the Acts. At Church no recognitions may be exchanged. At races a man must remember that "gentlmen go to these sports for amusement, and to see a man at the races who indulges in betting, looking anxious and caraworn, running about hither and thither is simply ridiculous." Pay up and look cheerful, in fact.

At evening parties the urgent advice is to join pleasantly in all the amusements going on, and "in partaking of refreshments in such places do so sparingly, avoid fingering any viands unless you mean to eat them, and never think of putting any food or sweets in your pockets." Naturally the laws that regulate the English or European table service are carefully noted for the benefit of the reader. The napkin is "for use to wipe the mouth. It should not be employed like a pocket-handkerchief to mop the face with, or like a towel to wipe down one's hands and arms." Then there are various ways of appreciating the excellence and abundance of the good things offered, which would be anathema at an English table, and are fortunately forbidden here. We need not enumerate them. "If you take wines do so in moderation, remembering a refined gentleman is always temperate." For office etiquette the following will be appreciated:—"Do not spend your time in office in talking and going about to the desks of others, and do not get into the practice of writing private letters when you are supposed to be doing your work." Advice is here, too, for superiors in office. They "will do well to remember that the subordinates are men and not machines, and are entitled to consideration and courtesy. There are unfortunately jacks-in-office to be met with, who seem to think that administrative ability means driving power, and grinding down men placed under their orders a sign of capacity for control." Friendship and favours are by many interested people supposed to go together, but this theory of etiquette draws a line in the soliciting of favours:—"A European may be quite delighted to be your friend, but in individual friendship it is not right that you should make him also undertake the god-fathering of every employment-seeking relative you may happen to possess." What a relief it would be to many if such an exalted view were general of the liberties to be taken with friends. Friendships would certainly be more lasting, for they would be free from the wear and tear of constant demands. With regard to the machinery of private correspondence, we read advice that is too often not taken: "Do not use a crest unless you are entitled to it." "Let your signature be clear and legible, and free from any vulgarious flourish." "To have a huge multi-coloured monogram somewhat approaching the size of a heraldry crest painting on a carriage-door is not the correct thing." Still we do see those things.

THE TRADE OF JAPAN.

THE trade of Japan continues to increase both as regards her imports and her exports. The report of the Yokohama Foreign Chamber of Commerce contains a mass of information which should prove very instructive to those in this country who have dealings with Japan. In 1902 the commerce of the country reached a total of £59,002,000, as against £50,826,618 in 1901 and £48,532,539 in 1900. The export trade is very promising. There was a satisfactory increase in respect of raw silk and silk goods of all kinds. Cotton goods are also being increasingly exported every year. There was a falling off in exportations of cotton yarn owing to the unsettled condition of Northern China, where most of the sales of this commodity are effected. The Chamber, however, states that prospects are becoming brighter and that a growing trade in the article is confidently looked forward to. This, if correct, means enhanced competition with Bombay, and in view of the present state of the market is not at all reassuring news. A curious reference is made to the increase which occurred in importations of food stuffs. The report states that this will impoverish the people and increase the balance of trade against the country. It is difficult to perceive why this should be so, or how such an increase is to be avoided in the ordinary progress of commerce. However, the Chamber considers that it calls for a note of caution and warning. If the warning is to result in the restriction of the importation of necessaries it seems likely that a curious state of affairs will result. A considerable increase occurred in imports of cotton, and for this Indian manufacturers have reason to congratulate themselves, as notwithstanding the increase European manufacturers appear to be losing their hold upon the market. The Japanese still import labour-saving machinery in large quantities, a fact which is remarkable considering the cheapness of labour in the country. It is noticeable, however, that last year the imports, although still large, exhibited a decline as compared with previous years. The inference seems to be that in the past the demand has been over-estimated, and it will behove European exporters to be more careful in their methods in future. One very interesting feature of the year has been the drawing up of a form of contract by the Woollen Goods Dealers' Union to be used in the Textile trade. The report states that much consideration has been given to this subject. The Japanese have begun to realise the injustice which has prevailed in periods of bad trade whereby goods were left in the hands of importers for indefinite periods without payment of interest or other charges. Under the new contract a payment of at least ten per cent. on account must be made on any goods remaining over 60 days, while interest and charges are to be paid at current rates. In Bombay and other parts of India the same difficulty is often felt, these, however, it is entirely due to the methods employed by exporters, irresponsible and reckless dealers being encouraged by the freedom which is allowed them to speculate far beyond their means. It speaks well for the bona-fides of the trade organisations of Japan that they have so quickly realised the anomaly and have taken steps to remedy it.

LUMSDEN'S HORSE.

A VOLUME that will attract a good deal of attention in India has been written, or at any rate edited, by Mr. Henry H. S. Pearse, the war correspondent. It is a history of Lumsden's Light Horse, and it narrates in a most interesting manner the story of the regiment which was raised in Calcutta from among the planters of Assam, for service in the South African War. The story of the formation of the corps is well-known, but there are several things in the book which are worth recalling. The idea of the corps suggested itself to Colonel Lumsden because it struck him that the planters were just the men for South African fighting. He did not suppose that on the parade ground they would be all that soldiers whose minds were fettered by rules and tradition would desire, but he knew how long days of exercise in the open air at their ordinary avocations, varied by polo, pig-sticking, and big game hunting, had hardened their nerves and toughened their fibre. There is not the slightest doubt that in his regiment of Light Horse Lumsden had obtained ideal material. The corps were ten months in the field, they fought in 39 actions, they lost seven men killed and two by enteric; sixty men they left in South Africa, some in the Regular Army, some as police, and some as administrators. They were twice mentioned in despatches by the Field Marshal, and they were praised by every General under whom they served. It is interesting to note, too, that some of those who, as the results of their exploits in the field obtained commissions in the regular army had previously failed at Sandhurst, and had gone out to fight their way in India as planters. Their methods in the field were original. Every officer had an Indian syce, and when a horse had had a hard time it was found that one day's marching with the syce restored him. Later on the men employed Kaffir boys to look after their horses, and paid them wages out of their own pockets. These Kaffirs lived on their masters' leavings and occasional steaks out of dead horses. There is every reason to believe that the attention bestowed upon the animals by these followers lengthened their lives, and it also seems reasonable, as Mr. Pearse suggests, that the soldier should be used as much as possible for fighting purposes only. If that practice were generally adopted, he thinks there would be fewer cases of sickness from want of rest and lack of time to cook properly. Another thing advocated in the book is the general saving of tea to the soldier. It is argued that a man who would not take the trouble to boil water merely because it was a healthy thing to do, would be willing to do so in order to get a drink of hot tea. Tea is light, and an ox-waggon load is 4,000 pounds. This would allow for 128,000 rations of ½ oz. each, and 4,000 men would thus be able to have ½ oz. of tea daily for a month at the cost of one waggon added to a convoy. The whole book is well worth reading from a military point of view as well as on the score of history.

THE FAMINE IN KWANGSI PROVINCE.

MR C. CLEMENTI, who has been sent on a special mission to the Kwangsi province by the Governor of Hongkong in connection with the famine raging there, has submitted a most interesting report in which he discribes in graphic terms the experiences he met with during his journey and the terrible state into which the province has been plunged. Speaking of his arrival at Ta'am Chan, the prefectural town which the Chinese authorities propose to make the capital of Kwangsi province, the first sight that Mr. Clementi saw on entering the town was a man lying in the street actually dying out not quite dead, whom two men were picking up with a hope to carry off to bury. The same morning, walking round the city wall, another dead man's body was seen, and a little later the burial, which consisted in throwing the uncoffined body into a small pit dug just outside the city wall and filling up the pit with earth. "The sights I have seen," writes Mr. Clementi, "since my arrival have appalled me, and I am not astonished that the Chinese should now call Ta'am chan "a dead place." The destitution actually existing is terrible. The people have first sold their goods and chattels, then their farming implements, next the water-buffaloes, then the tiles off the roofs of their houses, then their daughters, sons, and, finally, even their wives. The farm steads are bare walls, empty of anything save a little dirty straw on which to lie." Such is the picture drawn by Mr. Clementi of the horrors now existing in this once thriving province. This state of absolute destitution can only go on increasing until the next rice harvest,

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND THE COLONIES.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

THE QUESTION OF RETALIATION.

CLOSER FISCAL RELATIONS.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

LONDON, MAY 28.

In the House of Commons, this evening, on the motion being brought forward to adjourn the House for Whitsuntide, Sir Charles Dilke raised a discussion on Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

Mr. Balfour replied at some length, and advocated recasting our commercial policy in the direction of reciprocity. Mr. Chamberlain was justified in taking the country's opinion in view of the Resolutions passed at the Colonial Conference.

Mr. Balfour recalled the complete change in the circumstances since Cobden's day, and suggested abandoning as obsolete the idea of raising revenue for the sole purpose of meeting the expenditure, and said if foreign countries treated our Colonies as foreign nations we must retaliate.

Mr. Chamberlain said that although he did not suggest an entire reversal of fiscal policy the application of his suggestions require a new mandate involving the consideration of the general condition of the country and the position of the working classes.

Without closer fiscal relationship closer political union of the Empire was impossible, but it was time to produce a definite scheme when the mandate was obtained.

He thought a tax on raw materials was impossible. He would defend the tax on food, devoting the whole proceeds to age pensions and social reforms, and would certainly press the matter at the dissolution.

Mr. Labouchere asked if they were Mr. Chamberlain's views or those of the whole Cabinet.

The question was not answered.

The House then adjourned till the 8th June.

The Opposition leaders did not participate in the Debate, and are awaiting Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's motion on the second reading of the Finance Bill.

LONDON, MAY 29.

In view of the magnitude of the issue the newspapers and Unionist members of Parliament are chary in regard to committing themselves to a definitive opinion, but it appears there is no doubt that while Mr. Chamberlain enlisted the warm support of a section of the Unionists he has ventured further than a number of the Ministerialists including some members of the Government are prepared to go.

The Unionist newspapers declare there is no difference of opinion between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain.

[illegible] believe the country will not agree to [illegible] scheme.

[illegible] his speech last night, further said [illegible] could not be decided this session [illegible] required most careful study, but some[illegible] done to place the Empire in an economic position equal to that of the United States.

Mr. Chamberlain, in addition to what has already been reported, said that when the mandate has been obtained he would call another Colonial Conference, and meanwhile would collect the full st information as to effect preferential tariffs would have on the country's manufactures.

SUGAR CONVENTION BILL.

LONDON, MAY 28.

Before adjourning the House of Commons read a first time the Sugar Convention Bill by 142 against 82.

EARTHQUAKE IN ARMENIA.

A TOWN DESTROYED.

TWO THOUSAND PERISH.

Belated news has reached Constantinople that the town of Malaz Gueird in Armenia was destroyed by an earthquake on the 29th April, and the whole population of two thousand perished.

THE COMING YACHT RACE.

THE SHAMROCK LEAVES FOR AMERICA.

The yachts Shamrock I and Shamrock III left the Clyde for America to-day amidst the greatest enthusiasm.

THE RACQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

JAMSETJEE VICTORIOUS.

In the Racquet match for the professional championship between Browne and Jamsetjee, the latter has, in addition to winning the first match, won the second by 4 to 1.

PRESIDENT LOUBET'S VISIT TO LONDON.

TO STAY THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

It is officially announced that President Loubet proceeds to London between the 18th and 20th July, and stays three or four days.

THE OAKS.

LONDON, MAY 29.

The following is the result of the race for the Oaks run to-day :—

Our Lassie 1
Hammenkop 2
Skyscraper 3

THE SALT TAX.

NO FURTHER REDUCTION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 29.

A press communique to-day issued by the Finance Department states there is no truth in the rumour that the Government of India are contemplating any further reduction in the Salt Tax.

MUSKETRY PRIZES FOR NEXT YEAR.

LORD KITCHENER'S PRESENTS.

It is notified that Lord Kitchener presents the following musketry prizes for competition next year :—(1) A silver cup for British troops, including station teams of the Royal Artillery and Volunteers ; (2) A silver cup for native troops ; and (3) Magdala medal for native troops.

EARTHQUAKE AT SIMLA.

A slight earthquake occurred at 0-50 p. m. here to-day

NATIVE BATTERIES TO BE DISBANDED.

It is notified in the Gazette that Nos. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Field Batteries, Hyderabad Contingent, are to be at once disbanded, the native ranks being discharged, and the horses returned to the Remount Department, and the guns and equipment to the Ordnance Department.

A GANG OF DARWESH KHEL RAIDERS.

CAPTURE BY THE WAZIRISTAN MILITIA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 29.

News of a smart capture by the South Waziristan Militia has come through from the frontier. A large gang of Darwesh Khels went over the Khand Narai to raid returning caravans in Afghanistan. They attacked a Dotani encampment and carried off eight hundred head of cattle. News of what they were about meanwhile reached Captain Jacob, who with a party of Militis, intercepted the returning gang, capturing eighteen of the principal raiders and more than half the looted cattle. The rest of the cattle were restored next day by the Maliks, and the whole has been since made over to the owners. The raiders are now awaiting trial.

CRICKET MATCH AT SIMLA.

SIMLA vs. OUTSTATIONS.

The Simla versus Outstations cricket match has ended in a win for Simla by ten wickets, the Outstations scoring 97 and 104, respectively, in their two innings—Mr. Sparke 28 and 14, Captain Foulis 12 and 43 not out ; while Simla made 151 in the first innings and 52 without losing a wicket in their second—Captain Stokes 32, Captain Shea 25 and 9 not out, and Captain Wigram 0 and 36 not out.

FAMINE CONDITIONS RELIEVED.

BENEFICIAL RAIN.

SIMLA, MAY 29.

The rain of the past week has been generally beneficial except in Upper India, where the grain is still exposed upon the threshing floors. The Central Provinces report a decrease of 8,593 in the numbers under famine relief.

THE WEATHER AT SEA.

NO INDICATIONS OF THE MONSOONS.

This week's mail steamer encountered fine weather in the Arabian Sea, and the Meteorological Department here now state that its report shows that there is up to present no monsoon in the Arabian Sea. They add that observations from the Indian land area give no indications of its immediate advance. The rainfall at present being received in Burma and North-East India is due to ordinary hot weather conditions.

THE TILAK COMMISSION.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

POONA, MAY 29.

The Tilak Commission was resumed at Aurangabad yesterday. Krishnaji Govind Kale, of the Aurangabad High School, deposed that at his father's instance he attended on Tai Maharaj, Tilak, and the party throughout their stay. With both Tai Maharaj was well pleased, and was never confined in any room. The boy was placed on her lap in the Marble Hall in the open meeting where she signed the adoption deed after reading it and after Tilak had written the words of consent at her request. This and Tai Maharaj's letter to Bhaoo Saheb was read to the meeting at the close of the proceedings when sweetmeats were distributed. The witness also spoke to the oral gift and acceptance of Jaganath. The room in which Tai Maharaj alleges she was confined and was kept locked by the owner himself was never assigned to Tilak and his party, nor were there any armed guards.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Second-Lieutenant Wildeblood resigns his commission in the Army Reserve.

Indian Army—Captains Beresford, Lowther, Roberts, Allenby, Young, Colquhoune, Roome, and Burlton are promoted to the rank of Major.

The Hon'ble Major-General J. T. Cummins is permitted to retire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wapshare, Cantonment Magistrate, Deesa has been granted six months' leave.

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Willis, Bombay Supply and Transport Corps, has been permitted to retire, 2nd Battalion, Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteers—Lieutenant Scott to be Captain.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Extensions of leave at home have been gazetted to Lieutenants Higgins and Firth for three months each, Lieutenant Constant for five months, and Engineer Sharvell for two months.

EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

LECTURE BY MR. J. B. PETIT.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

MAHABLESHWAR, MAY 29.

Mr. Jehangir Bomanjee Petit delivered this evening, in the Bomanjee Petit Library, a lecture on Education of the Blind. It was proposed by Mr. Paig, and seconded by Mr. Moses that the Hon. Mr. E. M. Fulton should preside. The chairman introduced the lecturer with appropriate words, with a view of popularizing the new Victoria Memorial School for the Blind recently started in Bombay, which is doing excellent work, and deserve public support.

Mr. Jehangir illustrated his lecture with several specimens of articles done by the blind in Bombay and Ahmedabad. He cited examples of European blind who could work in various useful articles, exhorting his countrymen to support the Bombay Institution.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Hon. Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Tribhowadas Purvi-vandas.

Mr. Nusservanjee Patell, of Singers' Sewing Machines, presented six machines of his well known firm.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, MAY 29.

In connection with the recent casualties in Somaliland the Secretary of State has been informed that Lieutenant Barnardo, I.M.S., replaces Lieutenant Sime; and Lieutenant Gillies, 6th Punjab Infantry, replaces Lieutenant Vesey, in the 2nd Sikhs.

A committee comprising two Army Medical Corps officers and one Royal Engineer is to select a site for a Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the troops in the hills in the vicinity of the Kalka-Simla Railway.

An additional officer is to be recruited at the forthcoming Indian Medical Service examination in England in the place of Captain Williams, appointed Health Officer of Rangoon, vice Hoyle resigned.

The Government of India have negatived the proposals for holding selected veterinary officers eligible for executive appointments in the Army Remount Department, but are prepared to consider individual cases where special qualifications exist.

The Cantonments House Accommodation Act is to be extended to the entire Cantonment of Kamptee.

Colonel Deane has now reported that no difficulty need be anticipated in obtaining Mahsud Waziri recruits even if a large increase in the Border Militia be decided upon. Recruitment of this class for the 3 th Baluch Fattalion is therefore to be re-opened.

An increased establishment has been sanctioned for the offices of Comptrollers of Military Accounts, Madras and Bombay Commands, in consequence of the transfer to their audit and control of accounts of the Hyderabad Contingent. The new appointments comprise eight for Madras and two for Bombay, and will be filled by transfers from the office of Comptroller, Hyderabad.

Lieutenant-Colonel Swann has been granted one year's extension of command of the 1st Bombay Grenadiers.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

SEMI-FINAL TIE.

BUFFS vs. BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ANOTHER large gathering assembled last evening around the Oval to witness the semi-final tie in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament between the Buffs and the Bombay Education Society. The game was a fast one, and was evenly contested from start to finish. The opening stages of the play were in mid-field, but five minutes after the start the inside right of the Boys' team got hold of the ball near his own "twenty five," and running right down his wing put the ball into the circle. The Buffs' left back missed his hit, and the next moment the ball was hit into the net, the Bombay Education Society thus scoring the first goal. Five minutes later, however, a penalty bully was given against the Boys, and from this the soldiers equalised. With the score one all the play was very exciting. The Soldiers strove hard to beat the Boys' defence, Murray at back being especially conspicuous for cool play and hard hitting. The Boys' goal also saved his side from several reverses. Shortly before half time Templeton, at centre, gathered up the ball for the Buffs, and running right down put the ball into the net and gave his side the lead. Half time arrived with the score : Buffs 2, Bombay Education Society, 1.

On the resumption the game was again very fast. Captain Ternan took the ball, and with his wingman got it well into the enemy's quarters. The shot, however, hit the corner of the net. A little later the forward line of the Education Society team again got to work, and a nice centre from the right wing saw the ball within shooting distance. The next moment it was in the net as the result of a splendid shot, this equalisation of the scores being greeted with an enthusiastic round of applause. Nettled with their reverse the Buffs put a good deal of vigour into their play, and Templeton again got down, and with the goal at his mercy shot right in. The goal keeper was, however, able to get to the ball in time, and by conceding a corner he managed to save. A little later, however, the ball was again in the circle, and this time Captain Ternan managed to hook it into the net, scoring the winning goal for his side. Play was afterwards even. The Soldiers several times were dangerous, and the Education Society goal-keeper was called upon to save some good shots. Time arrived, however, without any addition to the score, the Buffs being victorious. They will meet the Old Boys in the final to-night. The following was the result :—Buffs, 3 goals : Bombay Education Society, 2 goals.

The following indicates the results up to date :—

Govt Telegraph	Bye	R A 6-0	
R A Cadets	"	R Scots 2-1	
21st Bombay Infantry..	"	R A 3-0	
Royal Scots	"	17th B I 2-1	
17th Bombay Infantry.	"	Old Boys 4-2	Old Boys 3-0
Pioneers	Bye		
Stafford How	Old Boys 4-1	Old Boys 3-1	
Cathedl Old Boys "B"..	E College 3-2		
Elphinstone College ...	Buffs 9-0		
Bombay Gymkhana ...	Oxfords 4-0		
Cathedl Old Boys "A"..	Bye		
The Buffs		Buffs 4-0	
Esplanade Wanderers..	"	19th B I 4-1	
H'bay Education Society	"	B E S 2-0	Buffs 3-2
32nd Battery R F A ...	"	6-1	Buffs 3-2
20th Bombay Infantry.	"	1st Inf W O	
1st Inf Hyd'bad Contgt	"		

TO-NIGHT'S GAME.

The final tie in the Hockey Tournament will be played on the Oval to-night at 5-15 p.m., between the Cathedral Old Boys, "A" team, and the Buffs.

Referees :—Major Aitken and Mr. S. N. Powell.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL S. N. COMPANY.

The directors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company announce a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on the Preferred stock and an interim dividend at the rate of 7 per cent per annum on the Deferred Stock of the Company for the half-year ended 31st March.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF 15TH MAY.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Egypt, Captain G. L. Langborne, arrived in harbour yesterday morning, with the English mails of the 15th May. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Plummer Col J H
McDougall Mr A
Wharton Sub-Condr and Mrs
Jacob Mr M S
Vaughan Miss A C
Cates Miss O
Skipwith Mr A N
Clifton Mr E
Drayson Sergt-Major T, Mr and son
Scott Mr A K
Carter Mr H T
Blackley Mr and Mrs
Hawkes Mr J
Nixon Mr W H
Lucas Mr C A

FROM MARSEILLES.

Melville Major P J, Mrs and child
Gardiner Capt A
Cayley Mr A S, Mrs and child
Andrew Mr and Mrs J
Barstow Lt H
Wallace Mr J T
Parry Capt C F F
Becher Mr and Mrs R A
Bathgate Mr E J
McNaughten Mr H P W
Ramsayne La M C
Hall Mrs L S
Burn Mr C N
Bald Lt J A
Rogers Lt F C
Sadl Mr Mahomed
Reynolds Mr W G
Lamont Mrs and Miss B D
Robinson Mr S S
De La Fontane Capt
Shorne Mr W Moyle
Cardoza Miss E M
Burton Capt A R
Hozby Mr W
Moss Major A
Kettlewell Major E A
Tottenham Major H L
Stewart Mrs R J
Dodde Mr A C F

FROM BRINDISI.—Spence Mr L W

FROM PORT SAID.

McCoy Lt F R

FROM ADEN.

Pallonjee Mrs D and child
Mstha Hospl Asst G A and wife

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers will proceed to-day by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer Peninsular, to Marseilles and London :—

Atkinson Mrs J N
Bignell Mr H W F
Johnson Mrs E P
Percival Mr A P
Mathews and Mrs P W and infant
Newberry Mr E
Hill Mr G S
Bates Miss E
Brownlow Miss
Wood Miss L M
Forster Mrs W D
Warwicke Dr F J
Wingate Mr and Mrs Weston
Flower Mr F M
Gibson Mr
Hayes Lieut B B
Thwaites Mr B
Chandler Mr C
Chandler Miss
Bollam Mr E
Birnie Mrs H
Holt Mr A G
Morris Mr, Mrs and Miss
Denison Ross Mr E
O'Brien Hon Mrs W T and infant
Ch. ford Mr, Mrs T and infant
Grantham Major C T
Bridson Mrs J B
McKee Mr J
Brown Miss K
Sheppard Mr R
Smith Mr A H
Anderson Mrs L H
Kelly Col
Goodacre Mr W
Ramsay Genl and Mrs
Thornely Mr R B
Latham Mr T
Cunningham Col G G
Pearce Mrs W B
Southam Miss
Moll Mr A
Pearson Dr F J
Pitz Mr Wm
Laurie Mr
Wright Mr and Mrs R
Crauford Very Capt P L
Cooper Miss M E
Danks Lieut Col L A H
Hall Mr and Mrs, 3 sons and daughters
Browne Mr R J
Brown Mrs R C and child
Snooks Lt C S
Mackintosh Mr D J
Carew Miss F
Kelly Mr J
Prendergast Walsh Mr and Mrs
Dunn Lieut E G
Ottenbach Mr D S
Ellis Mrs
Taylor Mrs
Steele Mrs and child
Robinson Dr
Heron Mr
Sconce Mrs and child
Simpson Mr R A
Heggins Mr J B
Young Mr and Mrs and child
Willoughby Mr
Ringrow Mr J and son
Wright Mr R
Purdie Mr D A
Shaw Mr A B
Hartley Mr
Annett Mr
Stephens Mr A D
Breslauer Mr M
Cuming Capt and Mrs
King Capt G
Rothwell Capt
Peebles Mr J H
Thorn Mr R W
Jacobs Mr T G
Valente Lieut and Mrs two children and infant
Maynard Dr E
Willis Lieut R A de A
Bird Mr A K G
Carey Mr W C
Kvans Lieut L P
Ricoard Mrs E
Mehta Dr B K S
Poolps Mr and Mrs A A
Bennie Major and Mrs and two children
Robb Mr D
Sharp Miss C K
Whale Lieut P M
Knott Mrs
Healy Miss E
Anderson Lt C F
Smith Mr W
West Mr
Gabbay Mr M M
Bassett Capt
Dankin Mr, Mrs and Miss
Mitchell Capt H H
Gillies Lieut F G
Waring Capt A H
Airy Lieut H
Thompson Capt C
Earchard Major A C S
Bowen Major
Carkeet James Major
Fox Capt F J
Fraser Dr H
Robinson Mr D
Gillum Mr S J
Lees Mr D D
Richards Mr C W

From the 16th to the 22nd instant, 9 Cast Indians 7 Native Christians 270 Hindus, and 40 Mahomedans died within the limits of Madras making a total of 326, the death-rate being 33·2 per mile, and the mean for the 10 previous years being 34·2. The deaths are thus classified:—Measles 1, fevers 114, bowel complaints 43, and other causes 168.

MUSIC IN THE WORKROOMS.—Some dine by music and like it, others work by music and like that also. At the Ardath Tobacco Company's factory in Worship Street, London, where many girls are employed, the proprietor, desiring to progress with the pioneers of his employ, has provided a mote the phonograph, which at set hours discourses large grammaphone, which at set hours discourses, pleasant music in the work-rooms, to the keen enjoyment of the girls. Too pleasant by far's that the girls perform their duties as well and as quickly with the music as they did without it.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MAY 15.

THE AGITATION AGAINST THE CORN DUTY.

Mr. Chaplin and his friends are enjoying themselves, but even before Mr. Balfour's speech to the great deputation that filled the Grand Committee Room of Westminster Hall this afternoon it was obvious that his attempt to upset Mr. Ritchie's proposals could not succeed. Much as the Government have laid themselves open to criticism for their wishy-washy policy with regard to the Corn Duty they would receive and deserve the contempt even of the advocates of the Corn Duty were that tax to be retained after all that has happened. Allusions have been made to the abandonment of the match tax and to other unpopular taxes before they could be enforced, but on those occasions there was a general outcry against the proposed duties. In this instance the real objections are confined to practically one class—an important class no doubt from the all-important point of view of votes, but still a class. And Mr. Balfour knows quite well that however much the agricultural interest may grumble when the time comes for them to vote their support will be given as always for the Conservative cause. The sectional character of the hostility to the abandonment of the duty on corn has become more evident each day. A strong attempt was made to induce the London Chamber of Commerce to join in the deputation to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but if that somewhat influential body was represented at Westminster this afternoon its representatives contrary to their usual practice hid their light under a bushel. At any rate the lists of names given by the evening papers in their reports of the proceedings mention no prominent member of the London Chamber, and I do not find the name of any influential city men as among the speakers. For the sake of an important Indian industry one could wish that the prospects of the agitation being engineered with so much vigour by Mr. Chaplin might succeed, but I should entertain little wish more ardently if those more directly affected had taken a little more trouble in the past to get the tea duty reduced. They ought to do more to bring pressure to bear upon Government, and I hope this will be one of the effects of the present interlude. Of course something may occur in the next few days to compel the Government to reconsider their decision, but if such a change does occur it will be little short of miraculous. Mr. Balfour seems to have spoken more sensibly to the deputation than he did to the Primrose Dames ; indeed it is doubtful if the agitation would have attained even its present not gigantic proportions if the Prime Minister had not to use a slang expression given himself away so freely. "You are," he said, "are surprised and rather indignant that, for instance, in great parts of Lancashire, where the Free Trade movement is still keenly remembered, they should regard this as a matter which revives those old controversies. But I would ask you, gentlemen, to look into their hearts and say hones ly whether some of their indignation against the abolition of this tax is not due to the fact that they also regard it as in some sense a controversy linked on to those old Corn Law disputes. (Cries of "No.") I must be allowed to retain an opinion which is based partly upon the fact that the tax, which is admitted not to be protective, appears to be anxiously desired, almost entirely desired, by the very classes who were engaged in those old historic controversies. My right hon. friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer tells me that in almost every resolution he has received there is a demand made not merely that the tax should be retained but that there should be a considerable increase in it, and I think that bears out the argument I was venturing respectfully to place before the Deputation. If that be the conclusion at which we have arrived, and the reason for it, you will perhaps ask me whether I think that the experiment that has been made in taxation which has so far failed of the expectations of its authors has wholly been made in vain? I do not think that what has been done has been conclusively proved is that the Corn Tax, even the shilling duty on corn cannot hold its own—cannot survive in the struggle for fiscal existence as an independent tax. You must associate it, if it is ever to be revived, either with some great national need or some great change in national policy. There are" he proceeded, "evidently in this room a good many who are Protectionists. I am not going to argue about protection, but I say this—that you cannot introduce protection, silently as it were by accident without a deliberate endorsement on the part of the people at large in favour of so great a change. If it is ever done it must be done not at the initiation of the particular class benefitted by protection, but from the impulse of the whole people of this country, rural and the urban alike."

THE TRANSVAAL LOAN AND THE HUNDRED POUNDERS.

There is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among a not inconsiderable portion of his Majesty's liege subjects at what they consider the unfair way in which they have been treated by the Bank of England authorities. I refer to the class of persons—40,000 in number—who applied for a hundred pounds worth of the new stock. And yet it must not be supposed that the whole of these 40,000 persons are really and truly aggrieved. It is not easy to say how many of them were genuine would-be investigators and how many "stags." Obviously the latter, who merely lent their names, it may be for a consideration in some cases or merely to oblige a friend or an employer cannot expect to feel so sore as those who actually paid the deposit out of their own pocket. There is no doubt that the facilities afforded to the smaller investors have been abused, but the question is pertinently asked "What about the stags who applied for amounts above £2,000." The smaller operators have overdone the gleefully that he had applied for £1,600, "but," he had added with a knowing wink, "not in my own name. A number of my friends have consented to the use of their names." When I met him on Wednesday after the issue of the Bank's announcement he was furious at the failure of his little device. As he was a foreigner—I say forgive my insularity—my feelings were entirely of an unmixed character. A great deal is being made by the disappointed applicants at the participation of thieg. I myself am acquainted with a large and well-known institution where the minor staff down to the office boys all applied for £100 or so. On expressing my pleasure to hear that they were able out of their small earnings to invest what for them are considerable sums, I was informed "Oh they are only dummies. The father of one of them is connected with a bank, and he asked his boy to get all his fellow clerks to lend their names." This sort of thing has been done on all hands. A friend of mine told me foreigners in the loan and certainly our Continental neighbours will get a pretty good slice. The aggregate amount of the applications made through foreign banks is not, and perhaps will not, be made known, but it must have been enormous when banks of some of the smaller European States applied for nearly the whole of the loan! "An authority"—perhaps a Bank director—is quoted by one of the papers as saying :—

"From my own very intimate knowledge of issues of this kind" I am forced to the conclusion that the genuine investor has been damnified on this occasion to a very small extent—if at all. The few who have had to suffer refusal on account of the many purely speculative applicants will not find the slight premium at which the stock stands in the market to-day a prohibitive price for the investment. When the disproportionate number of applications for £100 and over is borne in mind, I think it will be acknowledged that the action of the Bank is fully justified." It has also been urged that, after all that, even if the large financial houses do benefit under this allotment, they are the true friends of the Government in matters of this kind, as without their aid the negotiation of loans of great magnitude would be by no means so easy as at present. And again : "Had the activity of the speculator in forcing up secure premiums by applying wholesale for small allotments been foreseen, no favourable treatment of the small applicant would never have been instituted. The genuine investor is simply smothered by the speculator ; and the net result is, of course, that the Loan must pass through the hands of intermediaries before it is absorbed by the public. This would have been in the main under any scheme of allotment. Very few people take the trouble to apply direct for their allotments. And, so far as I can judge, the only point established by the return of all the applications up to £2,000 is that it is impossible to place a loan direct with the investor —which, after all, is not a new discovery!" A section of the Press has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the Hundred Pounders, and in some quarters there is a disposition to blame the Government. Although the allotment was made by the Bank "proprio motu" it is argued that a word from the Treasury would have been sufficient to prevent the exclusion of the small fry. I call to few expressions of opinion from papers, certainly not always "sgin" to the higher authorities. The "Globe" observes : "The elimination of the small investor in the present instance is a matter for sincere regret. There have been hundreds of small applicants who have sold out their hard-earned savings in order to purchase some of the new loan, and apart from the disappointment the cost of doing so is to them a consideration. To put it mildly, a very grave error of judgment has been committed." The "Financial Times" says : "All the same, the decision will come as a shock to the genuine applicants, who have realised Consols and such like securities in order to have a finger in the Transvaal pie." The "Financial News" says : "In any case the elimination of the small investor, whom it is so desirable to encourage, is greatly to be regretted." The "Morning Post" says : "It is quite obvious that the real investor has suffered in enormous numbers. A moment's thought conveys conviction that the great majority of the real investors who applied are swept away in the decision to allot no application under £2,000. How many real investors of the ordinary type can be supposed to have applied for more than £2,000? Those who have applied for higher amounts are, generally speaking, financiers and big finance houses who do not require the stock to hold as an investment, but to retail out as opportunity offers, at a profit to themselves. The "Pall Mall Gazette" says : "Apparently the rejection of applications below £2,000 has made a difference of only 0·04 per cent. That somewhat bears out the reports as to the enormous applications for small amounts, but exact figures are not supplied, and it is hopeless to attempt to elucidate the mystery. Certain it is that in defeating the small stag the great majority of real investors have been sacrificed and the big dealers secure the advantage."

AN ENGLISH LAND BILL.

Mr. F.C. Gould, the cartoonist, is in good form just now. One of his recent productions represents an English farmer and an Irish farmer in a country lane. The former says : "Going to buy your farm under the new Act of Parliament, are you? I wish I could buy mine. How did you manage it?" The Irishman replies : "Ah, shure now I'll not be sayin' anything agin the Landlords, for its good friends we are entirely just now, but I'll just whisper to yez—I'm not like yourself ; I don't be always votin' the same way wid them." Will the British farmer who has been brought up to regard the English land system as sacrosanct and English landlords as Brahmins take the gentle hint? Not in our time, I fancy. Meanwhile the excellent author of the famous crystallizations "three acres and a cow" Mr. Jesse Collings, being now in a position of greater freedom and less responsibility than when he was a member of the Ministry, has brought in a little Bill "to provide facilities for the sale of land to occupying tenants and others in England and Wales." That Mr. Collings's proposals are not of a very revolutionary character may be inferred from the fact that with one exception all the members are either Conservatives or Liberal Unionists. The Bill enables the Board of Agriculture to advance to a tenant the whole or a portion of the price of his holding up to the amount of £9,000, repayment to be made in shape of annual sum, of which seven-eighths shall be a purchase annuity and one-eight a perpetual rent charge. It is also proposed that the Board shall be empowered to purchase land suitable for "the purpose of providing holdings for persons who desire to buy and who will themselves cultivate the holdings." It is suggested that ten million pounds should be placed at the disposal of the Board for the general purposes and two millions for the small holdings.

THE LASCAR QUESTION.

The Committee on the manning of the Mercantile Marine have presented their report to the Board of Trade and, I suppose, the public will not have to wait very long before they are made acquainted with its contents. Rumour says that the recommendations of the Committee on the Lascar question are more likely to be based on the views put before Sir Francis Jeune and his colleagues by Sir M. M. Bhownaggree, M.P., rather than those favoured by a British and exclusive Trade Unionists. In any case it may, I think, be taken for granted that the Committee will show more enlightenment on the subject than the Australian Cabinet who have just been told by Mr. Chamberlain with commendable plainness that his Majesty's Government cannot assent to the narrow-minded proposal to forbid Asiatic labour being employed on steamers under the future mail contracts. I should like to be able to add that the Colonial Secretary had shown equal firmness with respect to the discreditable manner in which British Indian subjects of the Crown continue to be treated in South Africa. Perhaps we may look for a more decided policy in regard to this crying evil when Mr. Chamberlain has received the despatch which he tells us on his way from Lord Milner to the Colonial office. In the meantime Sir Muncherjee Bhownaggree is quietly doing all he can in the matter, and if his efforts may seem to some to be less demonstrative than they could wish, they must remember the difficulties of the situation. In the first place the forms of the House prevent his doing publicly much more than ask questions now and again ; in the second one member however zealous can do very little in any cause without support from his supporters unless he adopt the corybantic tactics displayed on a memorable occasion by the late Mr. Samuel Plimsoll. I regret to say that only a very minute proportion of the members of the House of Commons take any interest whatever in the grievances of the Indian residents in the South African colonies ; so at least I am informed by those who ought to know, and I have no doubt that their information is correct. Unfortunately there are no votes behind this movement, and so Ministers can afford to be dilatory and indifferent.

OLLA PODRIDA.

In the name of Mr. Henry Norman, M. P., the following question appears on the notice paper of the House of Commons for next Monday :—To ask the Secretary of State for War if he will state whether officers proceeding to the front in Somaliland were ordered to leave their swords at the base? Is this another case of the famous intimation "Horses not required?"

FAVORITISM!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Why consider "the decision to permit the Gordon-Bennett Cup race, in the face of the warning from France, as another instance of the present policy of excessive consideration for Irish interests"? The French race ended in disaster and a shocking mortality. Is it favoritism to give Ireland a chance of offering up a similar holocaust?—Yours, etc.

LOGIC.

Bombay, May 29.

TELEGRAPHIC FOREIGN SERVICE.

MAY 29.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, Perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez perfect.

AMERICA—Via Brest perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.

Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.

Cable Puerto Plata, Martinique interrupted.

Cables Dominique Martinique, St. Lucia Martinique Guadaloupe Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, interrupted Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers.

Cable communication with Martinique is now via Lisbon & Cadiz.

Telegrams can only be accepted at sender's risk.

Code addresses should not be used.

Cable Paramaribo Cayenne interrupted.

Telegrams for Dominica are subject to censorship.

Telegrams in Code may be accepted for Crete but those in cipher language are not admitted.

Cable St Vincent Grenada interrupted.

Cutting communication with St Vincent and Barbados.

Cable New York, Haiti interrupted.

Swatow route via Amoy interrupted.

Telegraph Guide section eleven.

From first proximo alter rates per word via Madras from India or Burma are as follows :—(1) all places Australia and Tasmania Rs. 1-14 ; (2) New Zealand Rs. 2 ; (3) New Caledonia Rs. 2-7 ; (4) Fiji Rs 2-5 ; (5) Norfolk Island Rs. 2 ; and (6) Fanning Island Rs. 3-2.

From British Government ten annas and French Government telegrams nine annas less in each case.

Telegraph guide page two alter Press rates as follows :—(1) All places Australia and Tasmania As. 8 ; (2) New Zealand As. 13 ; and (3) New Caledonia As. 15.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 29th May 1903.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	27	6	20 p m	30	45
Teheran	29	2	27 p m	12	7
Suez	29	2	55 p m	..	8

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. 29th May 1903.

	Maximum Time H.	M.	Minimum Time H.	M.
From Calcutta	1	24	0	1
" Karachi	0	18	0	7
" Madras	0	38	0	7

AFTER seeing a fire-eater blow flame from his mouth, Jean Vigand, of Avignon, France, tried to emulate the feat at home. Filling his mouth with petrol he held a lighted match a little way off, and blew the liquid on to the flame. There was an explosion, Vigand was terribly burnt, and he is not expected to live.

HARRY WILSON, an old agricultural labourer, of Carlton, Suffolk, was engaged in earthing sand from a pit when a large quantity of earth fell and buried him. No one witnessed the occurrence, but the old man's horses were noticed unattended, and an inspection of the pit told its own tale. Wilson had been dead for some time when the body was reached.

SPEAKING at the 249th annual banquet of the Sons of the Clergy in the hall of the Merchant Taylors the Lord Mayor said he knew a clergyman who had under £200 a year and a garden which cost £50 per annum to keep up. They knew that clergymen were not always good men of business, but they must be very bad men of business to accept such "livings."

MISS LOIE FULLER the famous serpentine dancer, has offered to contribute to the St. Louis Exhibition an old cherry chest that was buried during the revolutionary war by her great-great-grandfather when he and his family were taken prisoners by the Indians and carried off to Canada. When they were exchanged and brought back they found their money and goods all safe in the old chest, which has remained in the family ever since.

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE DUBLIN FUSILIERS AT ADEN.

In the House of Commons, on Friday, May 8 Mr. T. M. Healy asked the Secretary of State for War Way the Dublin Fusiliers; 2nd batt., after 15 years, foreign service, and fighting during the late war from its commencement, were sent to Aden from South Africa in February 1902, while regiments with much less war service or foreign service have been allowed home long since ; is there any fighting to be done at Aden ; and, if not, will the Dublin Fusiliers soon be replaced there by some other regiments.

Mr. Brodrick : This battalion, which was due home in the 1902-1903 trooping season, has been temporarily detained at Aden owing to military exigencies. This battalion, like many others, has unfortunately had its foreign service prolonged by the war and the subsequent detention of a large force in South Africa.

RIVER KARUN NAVIGATION.

On May 11.—Mr. Schwann asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs : Can he state what has been done during recent years to improve and extend the River Karun navigation by means of a canal to pass the Ahwaz Rapids, or in other ways to increase facilities for waterborne traffic between the Gulf and the fertile districts of Western Persia ; and has his Majesty's representative at Teheran tried to induce his Imperial Majesty the Shad to co-operate in this public work and thus facilitate commerce to that part of his dominions.

Lord Cranborne : His Majesty's Government are not aware that the construction of a canal at Ahwaz is contemplated, His Majesty's representative at Teheran however, reported at the end of last year that the Persian Government were sending an engineer to the Karun to study the best means of improving the navigation. I need hardly say that, subject to proper conditions, any proposal intended to give increased facilities to commerce in Southern Persia will have the support of his Majesty's Legation.

LIGHTHOUSES FOR THE RED SEA.

Mr. Helder asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs : Has can state when the four new l

ed. The green and white of a Forbes mingled with the scarlet and green and white of a Fraser, or the shaded greens of a Gordon, the Cameronian and the Grants and the Kerrs were ranged side by side with the crimson-setted Chisholm and Sutherland, and the stalwart reds of the Boyd-wells, and the Macalisters, and the Mcanzies, Grimsick Macdonald of the Isles rubbed shoulders with Maclaines of Lochbuie and the white and scarlet Macnaghtens; The butcher's brother in his Majesty's Highland regiment was the white and green of the Ogilvies and the gorse of the Stirlings, to name a mild medley of tartans and Highland regiments—the picturesque history of many a name whose deeds have gone down in the records of war.

This gorgeous stream tended in one direction, from the Throne Gallery, in which Prince Charles Edward held his phantom Court, to the Throne Room where King Edward awaited his liege. It is in which apartment, at one end of which is a dais with two gilded chairs of State under a purple canopy. Facing the throne is Wilkie's portrait of George IV. in Highland costume, painted to commemorate his Majesty's visit in 1822. Over the mantelpiece on the right is an excellent portrait of Queen Victoria as the appeared soon after her Accession. James I. and Anne of Denmark also look down from walls with which they were familiar in life, and on the gracefully moulded ceiling are the emblems of the Union, the rose, the thistle, and the shamrock.

The King was seated on the throne, the central figure in a brilliant group of officers of State, the Lord Justice General, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Lord Justice Clerk, the Lord Advocate, the Earl of Rosebery, and Sir Archibald Hunter, commander of his Majesty's Forces in Scotland. The presentations were made by the Secretary for Scotland, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and by General Hunter. At one o'clock the Levee was over, and the last of the carriages was moving through the grimy and unaristocratic street to which time and change of fashion have banished the home of Mary Queen of Scots.

THE LUNCH.

Their Majesties remained to lunch in the Palace, and had among their guests the Provost, the Scottish officers of State, the Judges of the Court of Session, and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Lunch was served in the morning drawing-room, a fine apartment, the walls of which which are hung with Gobelin tapestries and lined with darkoak. Upon the table and sideboards were the King's gold plate from Buckingham Palace, the value of which is said to be £1,5000,000. The royal apartments are interesting from association rather than for their beauty, though some of them have finely moulded ceilings, and contain furniture and tapestries worthy of close inspection. The King's private room, for example, has Chippendale furniture upholstered in needlework ascribed to the hand of Queen Mary.

THE COURT.

The Court in the afternoon was not so splendid as such functions are usually supposed to be. By his Majesty's command, Court costume was not worn, and ladies appeared in demi-toilette. Many of the dresses were very beautiful, of light colours and gauzy material. The arrival and departure were watched with interest by large numbers of spectators. It was nearly six o'clock before their Majesties left the Palace for Dalkeith.

HONOURS.

His Majesty has conferred the honour of a baronetcy on Lord Provost Steel, and has knighted Mr. Robert Cranston, treasurer of the City; Mr. W. J. Menzies, agent of the Church of Scotland; and Mr. James Guthrie, president of the Royal Scottish Academy.

ON WEDNESDAY,

The "Times" correspondent wrote on May 13:—Yesterday was the Society day, the day when the high-born, the fashionable, and the wealthy paid their homage to the King and Queen. The official proceedings ended with the conclusion of the Court at Holyrood, but those who had been present at the two Castle ceremonies did not immediately leave the city. The hotels were crowded to their utmost capacity; private dinner parties and entertainments were the order of the day, and as the evening wore on spacious rooms were cleared, the pipers were brought in, and till past midnight strathspeys and reels were danced to the music of the bagpipes. To-day has been the popular day as opposed to the more exclusive receptions of yesterday.

PRESENTATION OF WAR MEDALS.

The first business was the presentation of medals at Dalkeith. This was an extremely beautiful ceremony, the natural charm of the park and its surroundings enhancing the impressiveness of the military spectacle, which was second to none of those which have been seen since the arrival of the King and Queen in Scotland. The "Times" correspondent thus describes the ceremony:—

The hour appointed for the ceremony at Dalkeith was 11 o'clock, but, as there was great eagerness on the part of some thousands of people to witness the presentation, visitors began to arrive in Dalkeith quite early in the morning. The Black Watch, to whom medals were to be presented, were conveyed by special train from Edinburgh to Dalkeith Station, which was reached about 10 o'clock. They numbered some 650 officers and men, Lieut-Col Duff being in command. The other officers were Lieut-Col Livingston, Majors Burton and Rose, Capt and Adjt Harvey, Capts Lloyd, McLean Walker, Lord George Stewart-Murray, Urquhart, and Speence, Lieuts Eden, Grant-Suttie, Steuart Green, and B A C Steuar, and Second Lieuts, Dalgleish, Campbell, Kedie, Haddow, Krook, Strahan, and Richmond. On reaching Dalkeith the regiment marched by way of the High Street to the Palace, where they formed up in double line upon the lawn in front of the building. The Cameron Highlanders were on duty as the guard of the royal residence and helped to impart a certain amount of colour to a scene just before 11 o'clock in the morning was rather grey and depressing, for the sun had not yet struggled through the clouds. Other troops now began to arrive, including a squadron of the 17th Lancers under Col Haig. A section of the Army Service Corps in dark blue uniforms was also to be seen upon the ground, and presently the members of the Town Council, clad in purple robes, made their appearance. Thus by degrees the scene acquired the ceremonial appearance befitting so important an occasion. An awning had been erected for the accommodation of the King and Queen, and in front of this SirArchibald Hunter's Staff and Col.Duff took up their positions. The Lancers extended in open order as far as the left wing of the Palace, and a section of the RoyalGarrison Artillery was stationed on the left of the Black Watch. It was a few minutes past 11 when the King and Queen, attended by the suites and by Sir Archibald Hunter, issued from the Palace, the band of the Black Watch playing the National Anthem as his Majesty took up his position. The presentation of the medals was proceeded with at once, the Lancers being the first to pass before the King and to receive their decorations. The whole ceremony occupied about half an hour. At the conclusion of the presentations his Majesty left the awning and advanced to the line of troops, whom he addressed in the following terms:—

"It gives me great pleasure to present to the men of the respective regiments the medals which they have won in South Africa. I am well aware of the admirable manner in which both regiments have behaved. They have shown their old spirit, and I hope they will always continue to show it, and that that spirit will increase and go on in the British Army. I hope you will maintain the high position you have attained in the Army and always do your duty to your Sovereign and to your country."

At the conclusion of his speech the King returned to his foamer place beneath the awning, whence he watched the march past of the troops to the music of the band of the Black Watch. The march excited the unbounded admiration of the very large number of spectators who had assembled to see the proceedings. Afterwards the King received the chamber of the Scottish Headquarters Staff, who were presented by Lieut-Genl. Sir Archibald Hunter. They were:—Col Grove, chief Staff officer, Major King, D.S.O; Col Lord Playfair, R.A; Col Hope, C.B; Col Morgan; Col Trevor, Royal Army Medical Corps; Major Dallas, R E Capt Byron R A Capt Dundas, and Capt. McLean, captain of the Guard.

CEREMONY AT THE CASTLE.

Their Majesties left Holyrood about three o'clock and again met with a splendid reception as they drove through the city. By this time the crowds were enormous. Every place from which the procession could be seen was tenanted, and even the house-tops were thronged with spectators. Headed by the escort of Life Guards, the royal carriages, preceded by outriders in scarlet liveries, and conducted by postillions in scarlet and gold, made their way by Abbey Mount and round Abbey Hill into Regent Road. The first halt was made at the Royal High School, at which the King was for a time a student. The Rector, Dr Marshall, presented their Majesties with an illuminated address, and Lord Balfour of Burleigh handed over a reply. The report continues:—

After leaving the High School the King and Queen passed round the base of Calton Hill to Waterloo Place, and proceeded amid enthusiastic demonstrations of loyalty and affection, which appeared to give them especial gratification, into Princes Street. Leaving Princes Street they turned into Lothian Road and round Castle Terrace, and, passing to the south of the Castle Rock, entered Castle Hill. They drove up the hill on to the Castle parade. The public were excluded from the parade, along the north side of which assembled a large number of soldiers' wives and children. About half-past two the heralds and pursuivants who were to take part in the ceremony of presenting the keys arrived, accompanied by the State trumpeters. Sir James Balfour Paul (Lyon King of Arms), Mr. R. S. Livingstone (Albany Herald), Mr. A. Ross (Marchmont Herald), Mr. F. C. Grant (Rothesay Herald), Mr. W. R. Macdonald (Carrick Pursuivant), Captain G. S. Caupbell Swinton (March Pursuivant), and Mr. J. H. Stevenson (Unicorn Pursuivant) were in attendance. When the royal party had proceeded half-way towards the Castle, Lyon King of Arms approached their Majesties carriage and asked the King's pleasure. He almost immediately returned to the heralds, who with the trumpeters and pursuivants were standing in the middle of the parade ground to the west of the escort, who were drawn up right across the parade. Lyon King of Arms gave the word of command to the trumpeters and pursuivants to march in the direction of the Castle gate. Here they halted, and the trumpeters blew a blast. This was the signal for two Highlanders above the battlemented gateway to spring to the charge and demand. Word was then of Sir James Paul replied, Lyon King of Arms, upon which the Highlanders directed that one of the heralds should advance and give the parole. The Marchmont Pursuivant thereupon stepped to the wicket gate, which he knocked three time, and then gave the countersign. The Pursuivant then retired, and Sir James Paul, advancing, said in a loud voice, I, Lyon King to Arms, in the name of the King, summon the Castle of Edinburgh to open the gate to the King. The sentry who had hitherto acted as spokesman, and who was a sergeant of the Black Watch, replied, Advance the King all's well. Thereupon the guard, 100 strong, turned out at the double and lined the north side of the parade, while the band struck up the National Anthem. Lieut-Gen. Sir Archibald Hunter, as Governor of the Castle, received their Majesties and presented the King with the keys, which his Majesty returned. The King and Queen left their carriage and, standing on a platform carpeted with crimson, received a number of officers who were presented by Sir Archibald Hunter.

At the conclusion of this little ceremony the King and Queen resumed their carriage and, when she had taken her seat the Queen accepted a bouquet of pink carnations presented by a little six-year-old cripple named Mary Devine, one of the children from the shelter who was escorted to the royal carriage by two boys of the orphanage, while Mr. John MacDonald lifted the child up to perform her part. In accepting the flowers the Queen said "What a dear little girl, while the King inquired whose child it was. The question was not answered and the child withdrew. The King and Queen, it may be mentioned, are patrons of the orphanage and shelter. Inside the Castle their Majesties mounted the highest battery and examined the historic gun Mons Meg. They visited the small Norman chapel of Queen Margaret, the most ancient building in Edinburgh, and Queen Mary's rooms. The regalia were displayed in the banqueting hall. In the Crown Square the Crimean and Indian Mutiny veterans received their Majesties with loud cheers. The King inspected these old soldiers and shook hands with several of them, including Qrmr.-Sergt. Masterton, the organiser of the parade, Private Gyde, who was one of the guard of honour at his Majesty's baptism, and Sergt. MacBeth. Addressing the men, his Majesty expressed the pleasure it gave him to see so many veterans present, and congratulated them on looking so well. He hoped their sons would emulate their fathers' example in rendering service to their King and country.

After leaving the Castle their Majesties returned down the Castle Hill, and, proceeding through the historic Lawn Market, alighted at the great west door of St. Giles's Cathedral, where they were cordially received.

OPENING OF THE COLINTON MAINS HOSPITAL.

The next important ceremony of the day was at Colinton Mains Hospital, which is in one of the suburbs of Edinburgh four miles distant from the heart of the city. After a brief ceremony his Majesty formally opened the hospital with a gold key, and after some presentations had been made Lord Rosebery inquired forthe city gardener, and it became known that the Queen had consented to plant a tree. The gardener was found. The Queen was escorted by Lord Rosebery to the place appointed and planted an English elm, remarking afterwards to the gardener that it was a bonny tree and requesting him to look well after it. The work having been completed amid loud cheers, the party returned and were met at the door by the King, who was informed by Lord Rosebery that the Queen had planted the tree. The King observed, You have stolen a march on me, His Majesty, however, was informed that it was hoped that he also would plant a tree. This he consented to do, and planted a Scotch elm. Again there was loud cheering on the completion of the work. Shortly afterwards the King and Queen left the hospital, but before doing so his Majesty shook hands with the Lord Provost, saying, Goodbye, my Lord Provost, I am very happy to have been here, and I am very much pleased with my visit.

Their Majesties then drove away amid cheers and returned to Dalkeith. Next day they visited Glasgow.

THE DURBAR AT ISLINGTON.

TOMMY ATKINS, it must be admitted, does not look his best when he is wearing a British archer's jerkin of a period dating back much further than does his interest in military history, or even the long curls of a Georgian cavalryman, or the strange military headgear of less than a century ago. It might reasonably be assumed that he would look even less natural when disguised an as Asiatic; but as he has risen to the occasion before, so he does again at the Military Tournament his year. In other years a collection of men obviously made up have combined to make an attractive and sufficiently natural whole; and this year the amateur actors do even better, for, while the display as a whole is excellent, every man is so well disguised and so well drilled that it takes a keen eye to discover that the men in the gorgeous uniforms of the East are not real and fine specimens of our Indian warriors. Perhaps men who have served in India, and who are therefore familiar with the appearance and the carriage of the troops they represent, have been chosen to fill the various parts but, however that may be, the authorities of the Tournament must be congratulated on the degree of perfection they have attained in organising and arranging their fine show of this year.

The "pageant" is more than ever the great feature of the Tournament this year, and the degree of enthusiasm that it created in the thousands of small spectators—drawn from the various military schools—who constituted the house at the final rehearsal will prove to be only a little greater than that with which the larger and less impressionable public will welcome it during the next fortnight.

The pageant is described as a modified representation of the Darbar at Delhi; but it practically consists of a parade representing that of some of the troops and of the Indian potentates who made the scene at Delhi so gorgeous and so picturesque. There are representatives of the British troops serving in India—Artillery, Dragoons, Lancers, Infantry and Highlanders; and with them a detachment of Bluejackets—a large number of Indian troops, Bengal Lancers, Rajpus, Sikhs, Gurkhas, troopers of all kinds from Madras, and with them a handful of men of the picturesque, half-savage-looking Malwa Bhil corps; cavalrymen and cadets from Bombay and Hyderabad infantry and Baluchis and Morwara troops; Lancers of Jhind, Gwalior, Jodhpur, Mysore, and Patiala; infantrymen from Alwar, Bharatpur, Jhind, Kapurthala, Kashmir, and Nabha. All these, in their uniforms of Oriental splendour, vivid with reds and greens and yellows, made a fine show as they marched around the big arena of the Agricultural Hall and take up their position behind the State trumpeters—both British and Indian facing the Royal box. But better still is to come. After a detachment of the Bikanir Camel Corps—mounted on animals that, to judge by appearances, have all the bellicose instincts of the famous commissariat conveyances—come the Indian Princes, on their processional elephants. Each is attended by his retinue clad in all the colours of the rainbow, some of most perfect delicacy, others almost blinding in the strength and richness of their chosen tints; and when all have taken their places, and the natives perform their strange salute—the head bowed low, and the forehead resting on the palm of the hand—as the opening bars of the National Anthem are played, the scene is one which not even the magnificent "Coronation" reviews on the Horse Guards Parade last year could equal for wealth of colour and for kaleidoscopic effect.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th May, 1903, on 1,943·19 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic, Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic, Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated).	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,37,000	3,10,000	7,000	4,54,000
Or per mile of Railway	83	189	4	276
For previous 18 weeks of half-year	24,09,427	55,76,692	1,35,715	81,21,801
Total for 19 weeks	25,46,427	58,86,692	1,42,715	85,75,891
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,16,513	3,92,562	6,542	5,45,617
Per mile of Ry. do.	59	239	4	332
Total to corresponding date do.	21,51,337	75,38,409	95,421	1,00,88,163

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 91,617
Decrease to date ..... " 15,12,359

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th May, 1903, on 141·14 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,000	27,000	....	30,000
Or per mile of Railway	21	191	....	212
For previous 18 weeks of half-year.	51,255	3,63,804	2,81 8	4,17,377
Total for 19 weeks..	54,255	3,90,804	2,318	4,47,377
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,753	23,303	41	2,7097
Per mile of Ry. do.	27	165	....	192
Total to corresponding date do. ..	57,942	3,62,636	3,623	4,94201

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 2,481
Decrease to date ..... " 15,417

PALANPUR-DEESA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th May, 1903, on 17·28 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	300	400	..	700
Or per mile of Railway	18	23	..	41
For previous 18 weeks of half-year	6,329	4,467	22	10,818
Total for 19 weeks..	6,629	4,867	22	11,518
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	417	268	4	689
Per mile of Ry. do.	24	16	...	40
Total to corresponding date do.	8,031	6,553	55	14,639

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 11
Decrease to date ..... " 3,091

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th May, 1903, on 461 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	1,26,000	3,05,000	4,000	4,35,000
Or per mile of Railway	269	662	9	931
For previous 18 weeks of half-year	18,81,191	41,70,271	62,087	61,13,552
Total for 19 weeks...	20,04,191	44,75,271	66,087	65,45,552
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,26,847	2,83,983	1,457	3,91,284
Per mile of Ry. do.	241	616	3	860
Total to corresponding date do.	20,10,241	42,03,800	54,731	63,63,572

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 32,716
Decrease to date ..... " 2,79,980

THE WEATHER.

SIMLA, MAY 29.

Friday.—Pressure has given way over nearly the whole of the Indian region, and its distribution is approximately normal everywhere except in Burma where the pressure is in slight to moderate defect. Light to moderate rain has been general in Burma, and numerous showers have fallen in Assam and Bengal, but those are practically only areas in which rain has been received. Bassein reports a fall of 3 inches, Bhamo 2 inches, Mergui, Tavoy, Diamond Island, Tounzoo, Jessore, and Cherrapoonjee one and half inches, and Moolmein Mandalsk, and Sibsagar one inch. The mail teamer Egypt arrived in Bombay this morning, and reports having experienced no weather from the Gulf of Aden to her destination. There are thus up to present no indications of the monsoons in the Arabian Sea. Rain now being received in India and Burma is due to ordinary hot weather conditions. Fine weather will probably prevail in next 24 hours over the whole of the country, except Burma, Assam, and Bengal where rain may again occure

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 29TH MAY.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Rate per hour.	Temperature in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Hours.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Since 1st Nov. to date.	Rainfall. Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	29·540	Calm	1	106·4	79·0	47	...	2·05	— 2·48
Sirsa	29·5 3	...	4	107·8	79·6	42	...	0·45	— 2·31
Delhi	29 536	Calm	1	107·2	80·0	33	...	1·10	— 2·86
Agra	29·567	NW	7	104·5	83·4	47	...	0·88	— 1·27
Cawnpore	29·546	S	4	105·4	83·5	38	...	0·12	— 2·1
Allahabad	29·581	SSW	6	104·6	80·2	45	...	0·22	— 2·13
Jhansi	29·589	SW	3	104·8	84·7	50	...	0·46	— 1·61
Jacobabad	29·617	Calm	1	113·0	75·1	52	...	0·83	— 0·44
Karachi	29·656	WSW	16	104·8	85·8	33	...	0·22	— 0·69
Jerpore	29·608	W	4	108·0	82·6	43	...	0·67	— 1·37
Ajmere	29·646	SW	12	106·4	87·0	31	...	0·70	— 1·32
Deesa	29·566	SSW	16	102·1	80·0	70	...	0·19	— 0·35
Ahmedabad	29·725	W	5	103·3	80·1	66	...	0·35	— 0·34
Bhuj	29·691	WSW	21	99·3	76·9	69	...	0·20	— 0·42
Jamnagar	29·715	WSW	22	99·0	78·7	70	...	0·00	— 1·15
Dwarka	29·732	WSW	19	89·9	81·3	81	...	0·07	—
Rajkot	29·732	WSW	15	105·4	77·6	69	...	0·70	— 0·00
Bhowanagar									
Pare	29·736	W	10	110·7	29·5	61	...	0·49	— 0·33
Veraval	29·760	WSW	17	87·6	82·2	78	...	2·37	+ 1·66
Seemuch	29·676	WSW	7	102·0	81·2	63	...	0·27	— 1·11
Indore	29·694	NW	7	102·3	78·6	73	...	2·96	— 1·48
Saugor	29·645	W	8	101·4	78·1	36	...	7·40	+ 4·49
Jubulpore	29·629	W	8	104·0	76·6	32	...	3·42	+ 0 31
Hoshangabad	29·679	SW	5	101·8	80·2	58	...	7·14	+ 4·85
Khandwa	29·60	NW	8	103·7	81·1	35	...	4·76	+ 3·21
Raipur	29·616	W	7	103·2	80·4	38	...	1·60	— 1·65
Nagpur	29·705	Calm	7	102·7	77·2	52	...	4·52	+ 0·58
Harda	29·690	WNW	8	104·3	76·5	58	...	3·34	+ 0·57
Akola	29·63,	NW	13	105·7	78·9	56	...	3·02	+ 0·92
Surat	29·7 7	W	11	99·7	80·6	76	...	2·42	+ 0·32
Malegaon	29·734	WNW	5	102·8	74·1	61	...	10·58	+ 8·91
Bombay	29·79,	NE	7	83·3	79·5	42	...	8·75	+ 7·05
Poona	29·762	W N W	7	96·5	68·9	54	...	5·42	+ 2·26
Sholapur	29·731	NE	5	99·4	71·9	72	...	4·79	+ 2·19
Aurangabad	29·725	Calm	10	93·4	71·2	54	..	10·12	...
Sholapur	29·727	NW	7	100·2	76·4	48	..	5·74	+ 2·57
Ratnagiri	29·802	NNE	13	88·3	78·9	67	..	5·49	+ 4·00
Bijapur	29·723	NNW	7	99·9	75·9	54	..	4·58	+ 2·16
Belgaum	29·778	Calm	3	89·8	66·8	84	..	14·39	+ 8·47
Mannugoa	29·799	NNW	10	89·6	81·4	74	..	13·78	+ 9·37
Karwar	33 801	Calm	3	88·8	80·5	80	..	14·91	+ 7·39
Mangalore	29·783	Calm	7	89·9	80·4	66 09	..	11·67	+ 1·28
Calicut	29·804	Calm	7	89·2	78·2	82 08	..	4·81	—10·07
Cochin	29·810	ENE	5	89·3	78·6	79	..	39·01	— 6·57
Bangalore	29·787	SW	6	90·8	70·2	82	..	3·63	— 5·97
Seconder abad	29·684	SSW	6	101·7	81·3	86	..	5·70	+ 1·13
Hamilpalem	29 693	SSW	6	95·7	81·0	84	..	9·30	— 0·57
Bellary	29·728	WSW	7	101·5	80·8	64	..	4·13	— 0·78
Cuddapah	29·701	W	6	101·7	82·9	56	..	3·69	— 1·85
Madras	29 700	W	6	89·0	77·3	73	..	31·73	+ 9·14
Coimbatore	29·772	Calm	3	94·9	75·1	77	..	10·86	+ 1·38
Trichinopoly	29·751	WSW	4	97·1	78·8	68	..	21·37	+ 7·19
Negapatam	29·730	Calm	3	94·2	82·0	72	..	14·59	+11·21
Colombo	29·816	SW	8	90·5	80·5	76	90.2	65·38	+13·14
Adam	29·741	SW	7	89·3	81·3	80	..	47·49	+ 4·33
Jask	29·691	E	7	89·3	78·2	37	..	2·41	— 1·38
Bushire	29·742	NW	5	93·0	69·4	13	..	...	+3·31
Muscat (22nd)	29·93	NW	5	93·3	74.1	32	..	..	..

In column Rate per hour" L= Light, M = Moerate, F= Fresh, S =Strong, H=Heav

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased briskly in the Punjab and United Provicss, and at Saugor, Jubulpore, Raipur, Poona, Aurangabad, Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Bijapur Bellary and Cuddapah, and has changed irregularly and by small amounts elsewhere. It is approximately normal everywhere.

Winds are north-easterly at Bombay, Ratnagiri and Cochin and south-westerly to north-westerly at most of the other reporting stations. The force has been strong to a gale in Cutch.

Temperature is about normal, the maximum being a little below normal in several places. The maximum varied from 115° at Jacobabad to 88° at Veraval and the minimum from 80° at Delhi to 98° at Belgaum.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast at Bangalore, Calicut, Mangalore, Bombay, Surat, Indore, Nesmuch and Veraval. Humidity changes are unimportant.

Rain in very light showers fell at Mangalore, Calicut and Colombo.

Weather is fine everywhere.

The Mail Steamer Egypt which left Aden on the 24th reports having experienced up to Longitude 33° E, light variable winds and fine weather thence to Longitude 63° E moderate to fresh south-westerly wind and a moderate to slight south-west swell thence to arrival this morning light north-westerly wind, passing clouds and fine weather.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
Bombay, 28th May, 1903.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dec. Fah.	inches 29·730
Temperature of the Air	degrees 83·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	78·1
Dew Point	76·1
Relative humidity of Air	0·755
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)	1·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 88·3
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	78·4
General Directions of wind	W. WNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 115
Fall of Rain	0·00
Total fall during month	7·73
" year	7·96
Additional fall of rain up to 10 a.m. of 29th inst.	0·00

*From midnight to midnight.
N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS,

THURSDAY NIGHT—MAY 28.
10 p.m. ..... 81·4

FRIDAY—MAY 29.
6 a.m. ..... 79·1
10 a.m. ..... 84·7
2 p.m. ..... 86·7
4 p.m. ..... 86·4

DIVINE SERVICE.

WHIT SUNDAY, 31ST MAY.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Woodward in E flat, Hymns—107, 208, 322 and 155.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—151, 310 and 156.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis—Woodward in A.
Daily Matins at 6-15 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Hymns—1-6, 313 and 397.
7 a.m.—Parade Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Hymns—83, 197, 207 and 337.
Offertories during the day for Missions (S. P. G.)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—151, 318 and 221.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—154, 274, 245 and 26.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—156, 353, 313, 157 and 207.
10-30 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—156, 210 and 355.
Anthem.—If ye live me keep my Commandments.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON

6-30 a.m.—Matins.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral).
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Alms for the Panch Howds Mission.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH,
Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.
4-30 p.m.—Service for the Young.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

WESLEYAN CHURCH,
(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher Rev. J. Cameron.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher Rev. K. Gearey.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)
9-30 a.m.—Preacher Rev Edward Gearey.
6 p.m.—Preacher Rev. J. Wood.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL,
(Madras Time.)

8-30 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Sermon.
Hymns—207, 315 and 324,
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon,
Hymns—154, 157, 210, 152 and 30,

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6 p.m.—Evening Service. Rev. A. S. Crichton.
Hymns—151, 253 and 337.
Psalm—95 1-6.
Paraphrase 58.

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6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

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GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

LONDON, MAY 15

THE LADY AT HOLYROOD.

There is an odd story of Holyrood, told by Queen Victoria herself, which the King and Queen will call to mind perhaps during their visit to Scotland. Queen Victoria and her two daughters, with the governess, had wandered out to see Holyrood Abbey, which adjoins the palace, and on returning, wrote Queen Victoria, we saw the rooms were Queen Mary lived, her bed, the dressing-room into which the murderers entered who killed Rizzio, and the spot where he fell, where, as the old housekeeper said to me, if the lady would stand on that side, I would see that the boards were discoloured by the blood. . . . The old housekeeper did not know who I was, and only learned it from Mr. Charles Murray afterwards. Has it ever happened before, one wonders, that a queen has not been recognised in her own palace? It was the Queen's first visit to Holyrood, so that the old housekeeper had probably some excuse.

A PALACE FOR A KING.

Dalkeith Palace has many Royal memories, and the King and Queen may remember, during their stay there, the fact that it was here Queen Victoria first tasted porridge. In the splendid marble hall at Dalkeith there took place the only Drawing-room ever held during the Victorian Era outside a Royal Palace. That event, like the stay of the King and Queen at Dalkeith next week, was due to the unhealthy state of Holyrood, where scarlet fever had broken out during a Royal visit. Instead of abandoning the function which had been arranged, Queen Victoria held Court at the Duke of Buccleuch's Palace, a residence fit for Princes, with noble paintings and imposing architecture, and personal and historic associations enough to make up a fascinating volume. There has been a Palace on the site since James IV. was King of Scotland, and half a dozen sovereigns have been entertained here.

FALLEN BARONETS.

Mr Wyndham, who is trying to settle the Irish question, which the Duke of Wellington is reported to have said would never be settled until Ireland is three feet under the sea, has under him at Dublin Castle, if we are to believe all we read, a clerk who is a baronet. He is the living head of a great house which has given valued servants to the State and maintained an honoured fame through many generations. Sir Thomas Echlin, who is said to be now a clerk at Dublin Castle, was not long ago in the Royal Irish Constabulary. He is the seventh baronet of his line, and his title is almost as old as the House of Hanover. One of his ancestors was a Bishop, who met with a violent death on the road to Dublin, another was a Baron of the Irish Exchequer, and another sat in the Irish House of Commons. Another married a sister of a Lord Chancellor, and the fortunes of the Echlins were high at that time.

AN ESTATE LOST BY LAW.

It was a famous law-suit which brought them low, for twenty years and more the lawyers fought over the Echlin estates, which they left a ruin for the fifth baronet to inherit. The estate was sold and the baronet was a pauper, living on half crown a week allowed him out of a church collection. Queen Victoria sent him forty pounds, and every Sunday the poor baronet dined at the table of the rector of the parish. He was succeeded at his death by his brother whose only support was the charity of his three sons, one a policeman, one a footman, and one a private in the Life Guards. The policeman son is the present baronet, Sir Thomas Echlin, who is looking forward to his sixtieth birthday this year.

A GROUP OF FAMOUS FRIENDS.

Sir Henry Cotton, who is seeking a new interest in politics in his retirement, has had a life of remarkable interest, apart from his official career. Sir Henry has known many of the most famous men of his time, and among the earliest influence of his life were Charles Kingsley, Frederick Denison Maurice, and Sir George Grove—when the latter was secretary at the Crystal Palace. His tutor was a son of Benjamin Haydon, the painter who quarrelled with the Academy, painted pictures for princes and kings, and at last, harassed by disappointment and debt shot himself in the studio from which came so many of his

masterpieces. Of his companions many have risen to eminence, are now among the first men in the land, one is secretary of a great Government, another, until he retired, was at the head of his profession as an oculist, another is a great authority in England on hygiene and public health, and three others won eminence in three different spheres—one as a poet, the second as a mathematician, and the third as an Egyptologist.

A DULL PLAY IN A STRANGE TONGUE.

Mr. Morley has added to the list of impressions of Parliament which are worth remembering. The House of Commons in a technical debate is to him like a sort of listless audience listening to a very dull play performed by actors speaking in an unknown tongue. Even when the debates have not been technical the House of Commons has not always greatly impressed those who have sat and watched its proceedings. One chief getting up after another and leeing and leeing, was the way in which it struck Carlyle when he took Emerson there to try to cure his optimism, and another famous man, James Watt, found the House anything but attractive. He was called to attend a confounded committee and he confided to friend afterwards that he never saw so many wrong-headed people on both sides gathere together.

THE COMMONS LONG AGO.

There is a little book in the British Museum which tells us how the House of Commons impressed a vistor a hundred years ago. He was a clergyman from Prussia, who, on approaching a rather meanlooking building, not a little resembling a chapel, was told that it was the home of the British Parliament. Inside the Speaker, an elderly man with an enormous wig with two knotted kinds of tresses or curls, behind, in a black cleak, his hat on his head, sat opposite to me on a lofty chair. He did not find the members too respectable. They even came into the House in their great-coats, with boots and spurs, and it was not at all uncommon to see a member lying stretched out on one of the benches whist others were debating.

THE SETANGER'S "OPEN SESAME."

The stranger had not found it easy to gain entrance to the House where the greatest men in England sat cracking nuts. A genteel man in black told him he must be introduced by a member, and, as he knew no member, he was obliged to retreat, and now, as I was suddenly marching back, I heard something said about a bottle of wine, which seemed to be addressed to me I could not conceive what it could mean till I got home when my obliging landlady told me I should have given the well-dressed man half a crown or two shilling for a bottle of wine. Happy in this information, I went again the next day, when the same man who before had sent me away after I had given him only two shillings, very politely opened the door for me, and himself recommended me to good seat in the gallery.

TALKING TO TOMBSTONES.

The impressiou Parliament makes on a speaker is not always, let us hope, quite the same as that which a young nobleman received upon making his first speech in the Upper House. It was Lord Herbert, and after his first effort a friend asked him how he liked addressing the peers. Do you find it difficult? asked the friend, and Lord Herbert replied: Difficult! It was like addressing sheeted tombstones by torchlight. Lord Goschen, when he was in the House of Commons, once told that assembly that it was more liked a public meeting than a Parliament, and long before Lord Goschen's time an M.P. declared that the House was a beast not to be understood.

THE £.S.D. OF GOVERNMENT.

The most preposterously extravagant Government in Europe is another sentence which will be remembered as having been coined in the Land Bill debate. It is not easy to verify Mr. Morley's phrase, but it is probably not meant to be accepted as exactly true. The French Government is perhaps the most extravagant in the world. A sovereign a year, it has been calculated, is what the average man pays for Government protection, but the national expenditure of France works out at nearly four times that sum. The pound a head calculation, is, of course, based on the rough division of the expenditure of all civilised Governments by the population of the world. Practically the cost of Government is much higher. In the United Kingdom an annual expenditure of £150,000,000 stands for about £3 10s per head of the population. Taking the expenditure of five years ago, the average cost of Government in Germany is £1 4s., in Prussia £3, in Portugal £2 10s., in Turkey £2, in Austria £1 1s. 9d.; in Russia £1 2s. 6d., in Sweden £1 4s., in Switzerland £1, in Holland £2 7s. 6d., and in the United States £1 2s. 6d.

CHEAP MOROCCO.

If we leave out China, whose balance-sheet is one of the eternal mysteries, that troubled empire of Morocco is perhaps the most uneconomically governed State in the world. Its expenditure is about five shillings per head. As far as can be ascertained the expenditure of China is about eightpence per head, about two-thirds of this being spent on the Army, but figures probably do not represent the full cost of the Government of the empire. Finland, which will soon have no free people left to govern, is another inexpensive country, the cost working out at about 13s. 4d. per head. Colonies are not always so cheaply run. The more civilised the colony, of course, the greater is the cost of government, and it is interesting to note that a group of our African colonies with a population larger than that of Australia, costs only a quarter as much as Australia to manage.

DOES IRELAND LOVE AN ORATOR?

No Irishman has complained, as far as one has seen of the libel which Mr. Wyndham uttered in the House of Commons in his last speech on the Land Bill. No man who had bought his holding, said the Chief Secretary, would walk two hundred yards to listen to a speech from Demosthenes. It is a libel, surely, on the nation which has produced the greatest orator, Mr. Gladstone ever heard in the House of Commons, the nation to which belongs the meteoric mind of Burke, the nation of Grattan, Daniel O'Connel and Richard Lalor Sheil. Ireland is not, in our own time, without men who can sway vast audiences What Wyndham of course meant was that political agitation has little attraction for those who have become landed proprietors; this may be true, but it is expressing it with more than Irish exaggeration to say of race which has been kept alive a hundred years by speeches that it would not go two hundred yards to hear Demosthenes."

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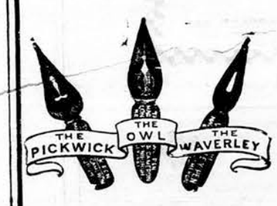

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